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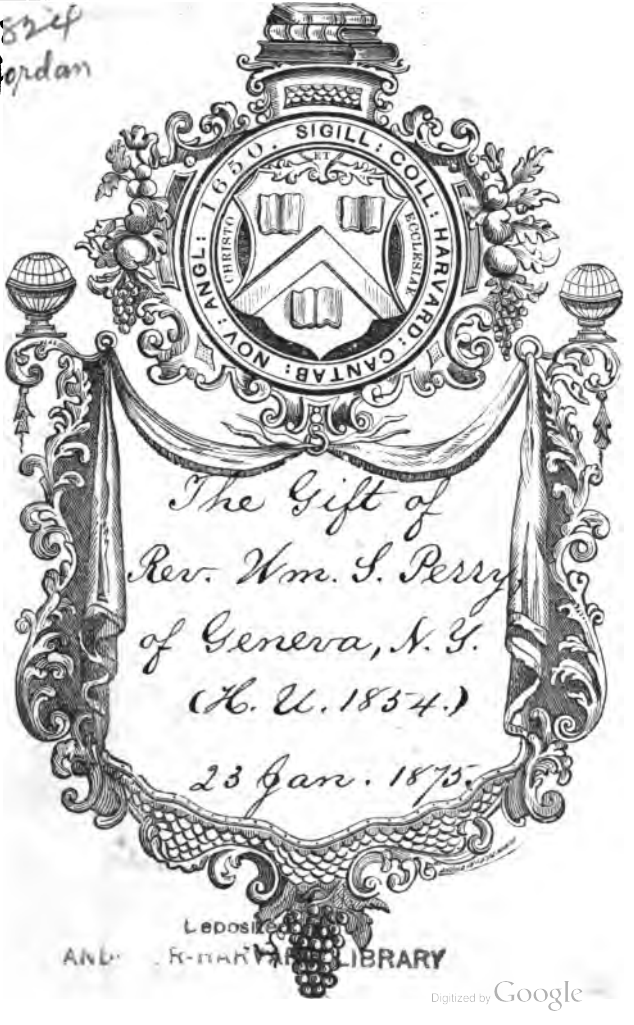

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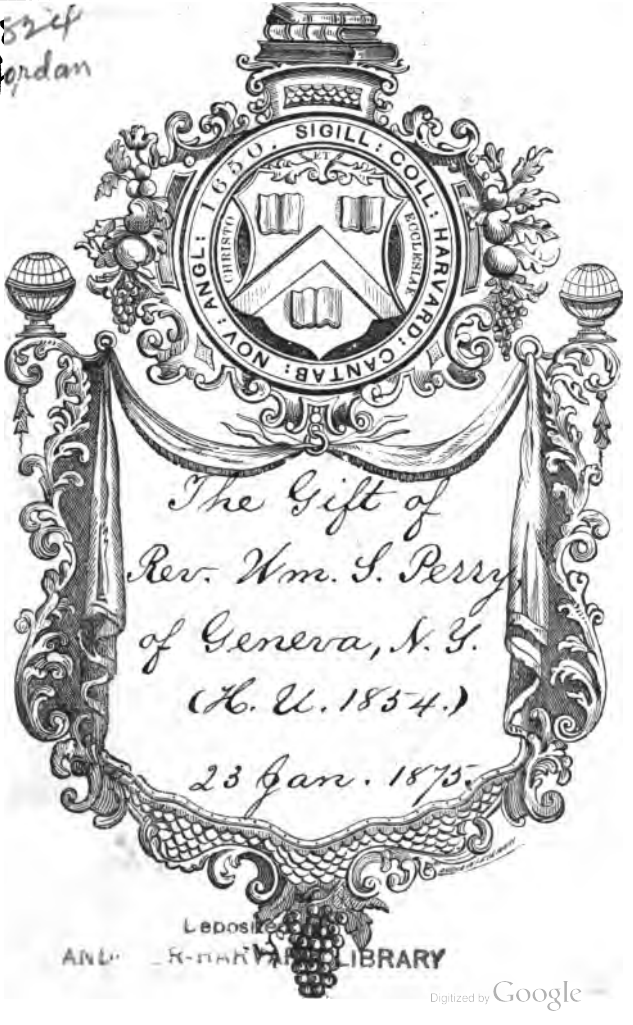

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INTRODUCTION.

THIS Question Book upon the Life of our Saviour has been prepared with much study and many prayers, by one whom I have known for more than ten years as an earnest and devoted Sunday-school teacher.

Having carefully revised the work, I recommend it for the following reasons: —

First. Because it is in two grades, which enables the whole school to study the same lesson and so affords the opportunity for a general exercise, which, if properly conducted, will greatly increase both its interest and impression.

Second. Because the subject is Jesus Christ Himself, whence He came, who He is, what He did, and what He said; and those who study it must necessarily be brought into contact with Him, and be made to see Him only.

Children should drink at the fountain head, and their food be simple.

Third. Because, while the distinctive features of our own Church and her beautiful division of the year are clearly and lovingly set forth, it is yet done without exaggeration, and everywhere the great vital truths of the Church Protestant are made to stand out so clearly that "he may run that readeth," and the student is pointed to "Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith."

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And lastly. Because while much time and thought have been expended in its preparation, I believe the work to have been begun, continued, and ended in humble dependence upon the Holy Spirit for light and guidance — from no personal consideration, but with a simple desire that some may be brought by its humble means to know and love Jesus Christ, the Saviour of sinners.

Thus then this book comes to you, and your earnest prayers are asked that it may redound to the glory of God. Amen.

RUSSELL STURGIS, JR.,
Sup't of St. Stephen's S. S.

BOSTON, *January* 1.

The writer of this book has been a most devoted and earnest teacher in our Sunday-school for the past seventeen years. My friend, the revisor, has been the successful superintendent of the same for ten years. I think, therefore, I may safely recommend the book.

E. M. P. WELLS,
Rector St. Stephen's.

From my intimate knowledge both of the writer and revisor of this Question Book, I do not hesitate heartily to indorse and recommend it.

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Rector St. Paul's, Boston.

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QUESTIONS.

LESSON I.

The Birth of Jesus Christ.

St. Luke ii. 1–7.

1st Verse. WHAT came to pass in the days here spoken of?

Who was Cæsar Augustus?

Ans. The Roman Emperor.

Why were the people of Israel taxed by a Roman Emperor?

Ans. Because the Jews at that time were under the Roman government. St. John xix. 15.

What is here meant by "all the world"?

Ans. That part of the world which was governed by the Romans.

2. When was "this taxing" first made?

[In what part of the world is Syria?

Ans. In the western part of Asia, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

3. Where did the people go to be taxed?

What was "every one's own city"? See ver. 3.

4. Who "went up from Galilee"?

Where is "Galilee"?

Ans. In the northern part of Palestine.

Where did Joseph go?

Where is "Judea"?

Ans. In the southern part of Palestine.

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How far is Nazareth from Bethlehem?

Ans. Thirty-three miles north of Bethlehem.

Where was Bethlehem situated?

Ans. Six miles from Jerusalem.

Why was Bethlehem called the "city of David"?

Ans. Because David was born there. 1 Sam. xx. 6.

What is meant by Joseph being of the "lineage of David"?

Ans. He was descended from David. St. Matt. i. 16, 17.

5. Why did Joseph go?

6, 7. What great event took place while they were there?

Who was this Son?

Ans. Jesus. St. Matt. i. 25.

Who was Jesus?

Ans. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." St. John i. 1.

What was made by Him?

Ans. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." St. John i. 3.

Why did He come from Heaven?

Ans. To die for us, so that we might go to Heaven.

Where did Mary lay Jesus?

What is a "manger"?

Ans. A crib in a stable, from which horses and cattle are fed.

Why did she lay Him in a manger?

When does our Church commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ?

Ans. At Christmas.

What is the meaning of Christmas?

Ans. Festival or service to Christ.

What do we do to our churches, and what does it signify?

Ans. We decorate them with branches and wreaths of evergreen, to show our joy and thankfulness.

How long is it since Christ was born?

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LESSON II.

The Shepherds told of Jesus' Birth.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
Where was Jesus born?

St. Luke ii. 8–14.

8th Verse. WHO are spoken of in this verse?
What are shepherds?
Ans. Those who take care of sheep.
What does it mean by their "abiding in the field"?
Ans. They stayed there day and night.
What "country" is here meant?
Ans. The country about Bethlehem.
What were the shepherds doing?

9. Who "came upon them"?
Who are the angels?
Ans. Beings who live in Heaven.
What do they do in Heaven?
Ans. They serve God day and night.
Do they care for us?
Ans. Yes; they watch over us and are glad when little children love Jesus, for they know if they love Him, they will always live in Heaven with them. St. Luke xv. 10; Heb. i. 14.
What "shone around about them"?
How were they affected?

10. What did the angel say?
Why were the tidings which the angel brought, "tidings of great joy to all people"?
Ans. Because God "the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." 1 St. John iv. 14.
How can you make these tidings of *great joy* to yourself?
Ans. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts xvi. 31.
What does it mean to believe on Jesus?
Ans. Simply to feel my need of Him, take Him as my Saviour, and cling to Him always.

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11. What more did the angel say?

What city was the "city of David"? See ver. 4.

Had it been foretold that Jesus should be born in Bethlehem?

Ans. It was foretold in Micah, fifth chapter, second verse.

Is there any other "*Saviour*"?

Ans. "There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts iv. 12.

What did Jesus say of Himself?

Ans. "The Son of man is come to seek, and to save that which was lost." St. Luke xix. 10.

What is the meaning of Christ?

Ans. Messiah, or Anointed.

12. By what sign should they know Him?

13. Who suddenly appeared before the shepherds?

Who are the "Heavenly host"?

Ans. The angels and saints in Heaven. 2 Thess. i. 7; Deut. xxxiii. 2.

14. What did they say?

Why did they sing "Glory to God"?

Ans. Because He gave them such glorious news to bring to men.

How did the birth of Christ bring "*glory* to God"?

Ans. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." St. John i. 29.

How did "peace" come on the earth by Jesus?

Ans. By His gift of peace to all those who believe in Him.

How did God show His "good will toward men," in this event?

Ans. "God so *loved* the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John iii. 16.

What is the duty of every one who hears of this "good will" and love towards men?

Ans. To seek Jesus with the whole heart and trust Him as their Saviour.

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LESSON III.

The Circumcision of Christ.

Who were told of Jesus' birth in the last lesson?
Who told them?

St. Luke ii. 15–21.

15th Verse. WHERE did "the angels" go?
What did the shepherds say to one another?
Why did they wish to go to Bethlehem?
What had been told them? See ver. 11.

16. Did they find Jesus, as the angel had said?
Ought we not to be in "*haste*" to find Him?
Ans. Yes. "Those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. viii. 17.
Why ought we to be?
Ans. Because it is very dangerous to put off that which must be done for our salvation.

17. After they had seen the child Jesus, what did they do?
What "saying" did they make known?
Ans. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord." Ver. 11.

18. How did those feel who "heard it"?
Why did they "wonder"?
Ans. Because they did not expect Christ to come in this way.
How did they expect Him?
Ans. That He would come as their king, in great pomp and splendor.
Is He not our king?
Ans. "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David." St. Luke i. 32.
How long will His kingdom last?
Ans. "Of His kingdom there shall be no end." St. Luke i. 33.
Did the Jews ever try to make Him king?
Ans. Yes; they tried by force to make Him king. St. John vi. 15.
What did Jesus teach by coming in the lowly manner that He did?

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Ans. That we should be meek and humble, and not be anxious for high places in the world.

19. What did Mary do?

What is meant by she "pondered them in her heart"?

Ans. She thought a great deal about them.

20. After the shepherds returned, what did they do?

For what did they praise and glorify God? See ver. 11.

If the shepherds were so thankful for the birth of Christ, how ought we to feel, who know of His life and *death*?

Ans. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Col. iii. 17.

21. What was done on the eighth day?

By whom was the rite of circumcision established?

Ans. God. Gen. xvii. 9, 10.

On what day of the year does our Church commemorate the circumcision of Jesus?

Ans. First day of the year, eight days after Christmas.

What sacrament have we to take the place of circumcision?

Ans. Baptism.

What name did they give Him?

Why was He called "Jesus"?

Ans. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS; for He shall save His people from their sins." St. Matt. i. 21. Jesus means Saviour.

How did Jesus "save His people from their sins"?

Ans. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 St. John i. 7.

Who are His people?

Ans. Those who believe in Him.

What promise have they?

Ans. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." Isa. xxvi. 3.

How can you be one of His people?

Ans. By trusting and obeying Him.

When ought you to trust and obey Him?

Ans. "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. vi. 2

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LESSON IV.

The Visit of the Wise Men.

St. Matt. ii. 1–12.

1st Verse. WHERE was Jesus born?

In whose days?

Who came from the East?

What is here meant by "wise men"?

Ans. Philosophers, or learned men.

Were they Jews or Gentiles?

Ans. Gentiles.

Who are the Jews?

Ans. The Israelites; those who descended from Jacob or Israel.

Who are the Gentiles?

Ans. All other nations.

When does our Church commemorate Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles?

Ans. At the festival of the Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas.

What is the meaning of Epiphany?

Ans. Manifestation.

When was Jesus more fully manifested to the Gentiles?

Ans. After His death and resurrection, by the preaching of His Apostles, especially St. Paul. Acts x. 34, 35; xiii. 46, 47; Eph. iii. 8.

To whom did Jesus especially preach during His life?

Ans. To the Jews. St. Matt. xv. 24.

Did Jesus come to save the Jews only?

Ans. "God so loved the *world*, that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John iii. 16.

2. What did the wise men say?

Ought we not to be as earnest in seeking Jesus as the wise men were?

Ans. "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. xxix. 13.

Whom did they mean by the "king of the Jews"?

Ans. Jesus.

What had the wise men seen in the East?

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Does it mean that they saw His star shining in the east, or that they saw it while they were in the East?

Ans. While they were in the East.

Was this star like the stars you see in the heavens?

Ans. No; but a miraculous light in the heavens sent by God to direct the wise men to Jesus.

For what did they say they came?

What is here meant by "worship"?

Ans. Respect and homage.

3. How did Herod feel when he heard these things?

What "things" are meant? See ver. 2.

Why was he troubled?

Ans. Because he thought Jesus would take away his kingdom, and reign in his stead.

Why were "all Jerusalem" troubled with him?

Ans. Because they knew that if Herod was troubled, or angry, they would suffer.

4. What did Herod do?

Who were the chief priests and scribes?

Ans. The chief priests were priests at the head of the Jewish Church; the scribes were lawyers.

Why did Herod wish to know where "Christ should be born"?

Ans. That he might kill Him. See ver. 13.

5, 6. What was their answer?

Where is this prophecy found?

Ans. In Micah, fifth chapter, second verse.

Who was the "governor" that should rule God's "people Israel"?

Ans. The Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Whom did Herod call?

What did he inquire of them?

What does "privily" mean?

Ans. Privately.

8. Where did he send them?

What reason did he give for wishing to know where Jesus was?

What was the true reason for his wishing to know?

Ans. That he might kill Him. See ver. 13.

Who saw and heard these plans of Herod?

Ans. "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. xv. 3.

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9. After the wise men had departed, what appeared to them?

Where did the star lead them?

10. What did they do when they saw the star?

Why did they rejoice?

Ans. Because they knew the star would lead them to the place where Jesus was.

If the wise men rejoiced, who knew so little of Christ, how ought we to feel, who know of His *great salvation?*

Ans. We should rejoice in it and seek it with our *whole* heart.

11. What did they see when they came into the house?

What did they do?

What did they present to Him?

What are "frankincense" and "myrrh"?

Ans. Sweet-smelling gums; frankincense is often called incense.

Was it the custom to present kings and governors with gifts?

Ans. It was and still is among the nations of the East.

12. How were the wise men warned by God not to return to Herod?

Why did God warn them?

Ans. To save the child Jesus from Herod.

How did they go to their own country?

Where was their country? See ver. 1.

LESSON V.

The Journey into Egypt.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

Where was Jesus born?

Who came to worship Him?

St. Matt. ii. 13–23.

13th Verse. When they had departed what took place?

What did the angel tell Joseph to do?

Why was he to go to Egypt?

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Who was Herod? See ver. 1.

14. What did Joseph do?

Why did he go by night?

Ans. Because he wished to hide his departure from Herod.

Where is Egypt?

Ans. In the northeastern part of Africa.

15. How long did they remain there?

What was fulfilled by their going to Egypt?

Where is this prophecy found?

Ans. In Hosea, eleventh chapter, first verse.

16. How did Herod feel when he found the wise men had gone to their country another way?

What did he do?

When does our Church commemorate this event?

Ans. The Innocents' Day; twenty-eighth day of December, three days after Christmas.

Why did Herod kill children of "two years old and under"?

Ans. To make sure of killing Jesus.

What great commandment did Herod break in doing this?

Ans. "Thou shalt not kill." Ex. xx. 13.

17, 18. What prophecy was fulfilled by this event?

Who is meant by Jeremy?

Ans. The prophet Jeremiah.

Where is this written?

Ans. In Jeremiah, thirty-first chapter, fifteenth verse.

19. Who appeared to Joseph after Herod's death?

Did Joseph expect to be told when he should go from Egypt? See ver. 13.

20. What did the angel say?

Who did the angel mean were dead?

Ans. Herod and those he sent to destroy the children.

How had the "young child's" life been sought? See ver. 16.

21. What did Joseph do?

Where was the "land of Israel"?

Ans. In Asia, on the Mediterranean Sea, west of the river Jordan.

In how many parts was the land of Israel divided?

Ans. Three parts; Galilee, Samaria, and Judea.

22. What did Joseph hear?

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How did he feel?

Why was he afraid of Archelaus?

Ans. Because Archelaus was Herod's son.

In what part of the land of Israel was Galilee?

Ans. In the northern.

23. Where did Joseph go and live?

Had he ever been there before?

Ans. Yes; he lived there before Jesus was born. St. Luke ii. 4.

What was fulfilled?

How was "a Nazarene" esteemed by the Jews?

Ans. With contempt; the name, a "Nazarene," was a term of reproach. St. John i. 46.

Ought those who love and trust God to fear reproach?

Ans. "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. xiii. 6.

What did Jesus do when He was scorned and mocked?

Ans. He was silent. "When He was reviled, reviled not again." St. Mark xv. 3–5; 1 St. Peter ii. 23.

How ought we to act?

Ans. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. xii. 21.

Did Herod, with all his care, bring his designs to pass?

Ans. He did not.

Have men the power to do anything against the will of God?

Ans. They have not. Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Psa. cxxvii. 1.

Then what ought we to do?

Ans. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart." "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. iii. 5, 6.

What promise have those who trust Him?

Ans. "The LORD shall help them and deliver them . . . . and save them because they trust in Him." Psa. xxxvii. 40.

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LESSON VI.

The Child Jesus in the Temple

St. Luke ii. 41–52.

41st Verse. WHAT did the parents of Jesus do every year?

What was the "feast of the Passover"?

Ans. It was a feast kept by the Jews to remind them of God's bringing them out of a state of slavery in Egypt. Ex. xii. 12, 17.

Why was it called the Passover?

Ans. Because God passed over the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered them from death. Ex. xii. 27.

42. When Jesus was twelve, where did they go?

Why was the feast held at Jerusalem?

Ans. Because God appointed it there. Deut. xvi. 5, 6.

43. What is said in this verse?

What does it mean by the days being "fulfilled"?

Ans. That the time for keeping the Passover was ended, being seven days. Ex. xii. 15.

44. Where did they suppose Jesus to be?

What is meant by the "company"?

Ans. Those who were travelling home together from Jerusalem the caravan.

How far had they gone, before they missed Him?

Where did they seek for Him?

What are "kinsfolk"?

Ans. Relations.

45. What did they do when they did not find Jesus?

46. How long was it before they found Him?

Where was He?

What was He doing?

Who were the "Doctors"?

Ans. Teachers or Doctors of the law. St. Luke v. 17.

What is said of Jesus in verse 40?

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47. What is said of those who heard Him?

Why were they astonished?

Ans. Because He was a child.

Did they know who He was?

Ans. They did not.

48. How did Joseph and His mother feel when they saw Him?

What did Mary say?

49. What did Jesus answer?

What is the meaning of "Wist ye not"?

Ans. Do you not know.

Whom did Jesus mean by His "Father"?

Ans. God.

What was it to be about His "Father's business"?

Ans. To obey Him and teach others to do the same.

How was He doing this? See ver. 46.

How can children serve God and teach others in His ways?

Ans. By obeying His commandments, and telling others about Him.

What is said of those who do this?

Ans. "Whosoever shall do and teach them (the commandments), the same shall be called *great* in the kingdom of Heaven." St. Matt. v. 19.

50. Did Jesus' mother and Joseph understand Him?

Do you suppose they knew who He was?

Ans. No, though they had been told. St. Matt. i. 20; St. Luke. i. 26-35.

51. What did Jesus do?

What is meant by He "was subject unto them"?

Ans. That He was under their authority and obeyed them.

Ought you not to follow Jesus' example, by obeying and honoring your parents?

Ans. Yes; obeying them "in all things, for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord." Col. iii. 20.

Repeat the commandment.

Ans. "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Ex. xx. 12.

What is said of this commandment in Eph. vi. 2?

Ans. "Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise)."

What is it to honor?

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Ans. To obey and revere.

What is said of Jesus' mother?

What is meant by "His mother kept all these sayings in her heart"?

Ans. She thought much about, and remembered them.

52. What is said of Jesus in this verse?

What is meant by His increasing in "wisdom"?

Ans. He increased in knowledge.

How may we increase in wisdom?

Ans. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." Prov. ix. 10.

What is it said to be in Deuteronomy iv. 5, 6?

Ans. Keeping God's commandments.

From where do we obtain this wisdom?

Ans. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." St. James i. 5.

How did Jesus probably show that He increased "in favor with God and man"?

Ans. By His perfect love and obedience.

How ought you to strive to obtain the favor of God?

Ans. "What doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Mic. vi. 8.

What is Jesus' command to us?

Ans. "Jesus said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." St. Matt. xxii. 37, 39.

If we loved God with all our hearts should we not be always trying to please Him?

Ans. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." St. John xiv. 21.

If we loved our neighbors as ourselves, should we ever feel unkindly towards them?

Ans. On the contrary, we should always be trying to do good to them, by kind words and deeds.

How are we told to live with them?

Ans. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Rom. xii. 10.

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LESSON VII.

The Preaching of John the Baptist.

St. Matt. iii. 1–6.

1st. Verse. WHO came preaching "in those days"?

What is meant by "in those days"?

Ans. The days spoken of in the previous verse, before Christ preached, when He was still living in Nazareth.

Who was John the Baptist?

Ans. He was the forerunner of Christ. St. Mark i. 2.

Why was he called "John the Baptist"?

Ans. Because his special work was to baptize. St. Mark i. 4.

Why did he come?

Ans. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." St. John i. 6, 7.

What was there remarkable about John?

Ans. That he was filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth. St. Luke i. 15.

Who were his father and mother?

Ans. His father was Zacharias, a Jewish priest; his mother's name was Elisabeth. St. Luke i. 5, 13.

How was his birth foretold?

Ans. By an angel, who appeared to Zacharias, while he was in the temple. St. Luke i. 11–17.

What happened to his father because he did not believe the angel?

Ans. He was dumb, and remained so till John's birth. St. Luke i. 20, 22, 62–64.

What relation was he to Jesus?

Ans. Elisabeth was cousin to Mary the mother of Jesus. St. Luke i. 36.

Where did St. John spend his childhood?

Ans. "In the deserts." St. Luke i. 80.

In what manner did he die?

Ans. He was beheaded by Herod. St. Matt. xiv. 1–12.

Where was John preaching?

Where was the "wilderness of Judea"?

Ans. Southeast of Jerusalem in Judea.

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2. What did John preach?

What is it to *repent?*

Ans. To be sorry that we have done wrong, and to make up our minds to do right.

Can we without repenting, enjoy the "kingdom" which John said was at hand?

Ans. God will not forgive us unless we repent.

What warning is given us?

Ans. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." St. Luke xiii. 5.

Does not repentance lead us to do right?

Ans. Yes; if we are truly sorry for our sins we shall turn from them, and love and serve God.

What did John mean by saying "the kingdom of Heaven is at hand"?

Ans. That the Jewish dispensation was to pass away, and a new one was to be established by Christ, which will never pass away.

3. What is said of John in this verse?

Who prophesied this, and where do we find it?

Ans. We find it in Isaiah, the fortieth chapter, third verse.

How could prophets foretell what was to take place?

Ans. God told them; for "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 St. Peter i. 21.

How did John "prepare the way of the Lord"?

Ans. By preaching about Jesus. See verses 11, 12.

What has Christ commanded us to do to prepare the way for His second coming?

Ans. "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." St. Matt. xxviii. 19.

What can you do toward obeying this commandment?

Ans. If I cannot go, I can help to send those who will teach.

Can you do nothing else?

Ans. I can, by loving and obeying Jesus, try to make others do the same.

What besides this can you do?

Ans. Pray that God may give His Holy Spirit to teach us, and all others, of Jesus and His salvation.

4. How was John dressed?

What did he eat?

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What is a "locust"?

Ans. An insect, looking like a large grasshopper.

What did the people say of him because he ate and drank so little?

Ans. "He hath a devil." St. Luke vii 33.

5. Who went out to him?

What is meant by "Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan" went out to him?

Ans. That people came to him from those places and all about there.

Where is Jerusalem?

Ans. In Judea.

What is the "Jordan"?

Ans. A river, running from the Sea of Galilee into the Dead Sea.

6. Where did John baptize them?

Was it the custom of the Jews to baptize?

Ans. It was their custom to baptize the Gentiles who wanted to be Jews, but they never baptized Jews.

Why did John baptize?

Ans. Because he was sent from God, and commanded to do so by Him. St. John i. 6, 33.

What did the people do?

What is sin?

Ans. "Sin is the transgression of the law," or breaking God's law. 1 St. John iii. 4.

Why did they confess their sins?

Ans. Because it was necessary to do so in order to be baptized.

Why should we confess sin?

Ans. "If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." 1 St. John i. 9.

Was it enough for them to confess their sins and be baptized?

Ans. No; for the Bible says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." St. Mark xvi. 16.

How did he tell them to show their repentance? Ver. 8.

What did John mean by "fruits"?

Ans. Their works.

Can you "bring forth fruits meet for repentance"?

Ans. I can if I "keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life."

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LESSON VIII.

The Baptism of Christ.

St. Matt. iii. 13–17.

13th Verse. WHO came to John?

Where was John? See ver. 1.

From where did Jesus come?

Where was Galilee?

Ans. In the northern part of the Holy Land.

Did Jesus dwell in Galilee?

Ans Yes; in a city called Nazareth. St. Matt. ii. 23.

Why did Jesus come to John?

14. Was John willing to baptize Jesus?

What did John say?

What had John said of Jesus before this? Ver. 11.

15. How did Jesus answer?

What did Jesus mean by "It becometh us to fulfill all righteousness"?

Ans. Obeying all the commandments of His Father.

Did John grant our Lord's request?

What did the people do when they were baptized of John? Ver. 6.

Why did Jesus omit this?

Ans. He had no sins to confess. 1 St. Peter ii. 22.

16. What took place after Jesus was baptized?

What did John see?

What was Jesus doing when this took place?

Ans. Praying. St. Luke iii. 21.

In what shape did the Spirit of God descend upon Jesus?

Ans. "In a bodily shape, like a dove." St. Luke iii. 22.

What did this prove to John?

Ans. God told him that He on whom the Spirit descended and remained was the Son of God. St. John i. 33, 34.

17. What was heard?

Who were manifested in this glorious scene?

Ans. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

What has God the Father done for our salvation?

Ans. "God so loved the world that He *gave* His only-begotten Son,

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that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John iii. 16.

What has God the Son done to save us?

Ans. Christ died for us. 1 Cor. xv. 3.

What part does the Holy Spirit take in our salvation?

Ans. He comes into our hearts, and makes us feel our sins, and believe in Jesus who died to take them away. St. John xvi. 8, 13, 14.

When does our Church especially teach the doctrine of the Holy Trinity?

Ans. On Trinity Sunday.

What was the age of Jesus at the time of His baptism?

Ans. "About thirty years of age." St. Luke iii. 23.

What did God say of Jesus?

Will God be "*well pleased*" with us, if we cherish sin in our hearts?

Will merely being baptized with water save us?

Ans. No; "Except a man be born of water and of the *Spirit*, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." St. John iii. 5.

How must we show that we are *born again?*

Ans. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v. 22, 23.

Is God willing to give us His Holy Spirit?

Ans. He is more willing to give us His Holy Spirit than parents are to give good gifts to their children. St. Luke xi. 13.

How can we obtain the Holy Spirit?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you." St. Luke xi. 9.

LESSON IX.

The Temptation of Christ.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

How old was Jesus at this time? See last lesson.

Is there any account of His life from the age of twelve to His baptism?

St. Matt. iv. 1-11.

1st Verse. WHERE was Jesus led immediately after His baptism?

By whom?

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Who is meant by the "Spirit"?

Ans. The Holy Spirit. St. Luke iv. 1.

Why was He led into the wilderness?

What kind of temptation is meant?

Ans. "Tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. iv. 15.

Why was Jesus tempted?

Ans. That He might help those who are tempted to sin. Heb. ii. 18.

Who is the devil?

Ans. An evil spirit sometimes called Satan, who was once an angel and fell from Heaven.

What is his character?

Ans. He is altogether evil, and there is no truth in him. St. John viii. 44.

What is said of him in 1 St. Peter v. 8?

Ans. That he "walketh about seeking whom he may devour."

What ought you to do when he tempts you?

Ans. Resist him, the Bible says. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." St. James iv. 7.

How can we resist the temptation of the devil?

Ans. By immediately asking God to help and save us, and He will surely do so.

2. How long did our Lord fast?

Did He fast entirely?

Ans. "And in those days He did eat nothing." St. Luke iv. 2.

3. Who came to Jesus?

Who is meant by the "tempter"?

Ans. The devil.

What did the tempter say?

How was this a temptation to Jesus? See ver. 2.

Could our Lord have made the stones bread?

Ans. "With God all things are possible." St. Matt. xix. 26; St. Mark viii. 19, 20.

4. How did Jesus answer the tempter?

Where is this written?

Ans. In Deuteronomy, eighth chapter, third verse.

Whose words are these, and of what was he speaking?

Ans. Moses; and he was speaking of the manna God gave the children of Israel in the wilderness.

Upon whom do we depend for our daily bread?

Ans. Upon God, who gives us all things.

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From what book did Jesus answer the devil?

Ans. From the word of God — the Bible.

When you are tempted by him, from what can you get an answer to repel him?

Ans. From the Bible.

5. Where did the devil take our Lord? Where did he place Him?

What was the "Holy city"?

Ans. Jerusalem. Neh. xi. 1.

What was the "temple"?

Ans. A building of great magnificence, which the Jews were commanded to build, in which to worship God; the original being destroyed, it was rebuilt by the order of Cyrus, king of Persia. 2 Sam. vii. 4, 5; 1 Kings vi. 1, 2; 2 Kings xxv. 8, 9; Ezra i. 2, 3; iii. 1, 2, 12.

What part of it was called the "pinnacle"?

Ans. The highest point, or the highest part of it.

6. What did the devil say to our Lord?

Where is this promise written?

Ans. In the ninety-first Psalm, eleventh and twelfth verses.

To whom is this promise given?

Ans. To those who are truly the people of God, and trust in Him always. Psa. xci. 1.

Who are the angels?

Ans. Spirits, who live in Heaven.

7. What did Jesus say to the tempter?

Where is this written?

Ans. In Deuteronomy, sixth chapter, sixteenth verse.

8. Where did the devil take Jesus next, and what did he show Him?

What is meant by showing Jesus the "glory of the kingdoms"?

Ans. All the riches and glory of this world.

9. What did Satan say he would give Jesus?

To whom do the kingdoms of this world belong?

Ans. "The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psa. xxiv. 1.

Did Satan speak the truth when he promised these things?

Ans. In one sense he is the lord of this world. St. John xiv. 30.

What will become of those who prefer the service of the world to the service of God?

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Ans. They will lose their souls. St. Mark viii. 36.

10. What did Jesus answer?

Where is this written?

Ans. In Deuteronomy, sixth chapter, thirteenth verse.

Why must we serve God *only*?

Ans. Because we belong to Him, and He has said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Ex. xx. 3.

11. What did the devil do?

Who came to our Lord Jesus?

Ought we ever to yield to temptation?

Ans. We should be always ready to pray for strength to resist it.

Will God defend us in all temptation?

Ans. Yes, if we really trust in Him.

LESSON X.

The Calling of the Disciples.

St. John i. 35–42.

35th Verse. WHO are spoken of in this verse?

What John was this?

Ans. John the Baptist.

What are "disciples"?

Ans. Followers of any one, to learn of him.

36. On whom did John look?

What did he say of Jesus?

Why was this name given to the Saviour?

Ans. Because He was the true lamb offered, a sacrifice for us. Isa. liii. 7; 1 St. Peter i. 18, 19.

What more did John say of Him in verse 29?

How should we "*behold* the Lamb of God"?

Ans. As Him who loved us so much as to die for us.

If you would have your sins taken away by Jesus, what must you do?

Ans. Be sorry for them, and believe that Jesus has washed them away with His blood.

37. What did the two disciples do?

How may we follow Jesus?

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Ans. By giving our hearts to Him, and doing everything to please Him.

What has Jesus promised to those who follow Him?

Ans. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." St. John viii. 12.

38. What did Jesus say to them?

What did they answer?

39. What did Jesus ask them to do?

Did they go?

What hour was it?

What time of day, of our time, was the tenth hour?

Ans. From three to four o'clock in the afternoon.

Where does Jesus now dwell?

Ans. In Heaven, "and is on the right hand of God," the Father. 1 St. Peter iii. 22.

Is it as easy to go to Him *now* as then?

Ans. Yea, for we are told to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. iv. 16.

Has He asked us to come, as He did these disciples?

Ans. Jesus says to each one of us "Come unto me." St. Matt. xi. 28.

Is Jesus willing to receive those who come to Him?

Ans. "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." St. John vi. 37.

40. Who was one of the disciples that followed Him?

41. What did Andrew do immediately?

What did he say to his brother?

What is the meaning of Christ and Messias?

Ans. Anointed.

Why was Jesus called the Anointed?

Ans. Because He was sent by God.

42. Was Andrew satisfied with telling Peter he had found Jesus?

How may we bring our friends to Jesus?

Ans. By trying to make them feel the importance of loving Him and by praying for them.

What did Jesus say to Simon?

What name did Jesus give him?

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What does St. Mark say?

Ans. "And Simon He surnamed Peter," which is the same as Cephas. St. Mark iii. 16.

Was he commonly called Simon, or Peter?

Ans. Peter, sometimes Simon Peter.

What was the employment of Andrew and Peter?

Ans. "And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers." St. Matt. iv. 18.

LESSON XI.

The Calling of the Disciples—Continued.

St. John i. 43–51.

43d Verse. WHERE did Jesus go the following day?

In what direction is Galilee from Judea?

Ans. Galilee is north of Judea.

Whom did Jesus find?

What did He say to Him?

44. Where did Philip live?

Where is Bethsaida?

Ans. On the Sea of Galilee.

Who else lived there?

Who were Andrew and Peter? See verses 35, 40, 41.

45. Whom did Philip find?

What did he say to Nathanael?

What did Moses write about Christ?

Ans. That there should be a prophet raised up, like unto him, and people would hearken unto Him. Deut. xviii. 15.

What did the prophets write?

Ans. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa. ix. 6.

Why was Jesus called "Jesus of Nazareth"?

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Ans. Because He lived there during His childhood and until the time of His ministry. St. Matt. ii. 23; iii. 1, 13; iv. 13.

46. What did Nathanael say?

Why did he think no "good thing" could come out of Nazareth?

Ans. Because it was such a wicked place.

What did Philip answer?

47. Did Nathanael go to Jesus?

What did Jesus say of Nathanael when He saw him coming?

What did He mean by "an Israelite *indeed*"?

Ans. One who was a true servant of God, serving and loving Him with all his heart.

Who are *Christians indeed*?

Ans. Those who trust in the Saviour, and so are kept by Him from sin.

48. What did Nathanael say?

How did Jesus answer?

How could Jesus see him?

Ans. Because He sees all things, even the thoughts of our hearts.

What are we told in the Bible?

Ans. That "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. xv. 3.

What ought we to remember at all times?

Ans. "Thou God seest me." Gen. xvi. 13.

What is it supposed Nathanael was doing under the fig-tree?

Ans. Praying.

49. Did this convince Nathanael?

What is the meaning of "Rabbi"? See ver. 38.

Why did Nathanael call Jesus the king of Israel?

Ans. Because the prophets wrote of Jesus as the king of Israel. Isa. xxxii. 1; Jer. xxiii. 5.

50, 51. How did Jesus answer him?

When did the things take place of which He spoke, and when will they take place again?

Ans. At His ascension, and at His second coming. Acts i. 9–11.

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LESSON XII.

The Miracle of Water made Wine.

Where did we leave Jesus in the first chapter?
With whom did He talk?

St. John ii. 1–11.

1st Verse. WHAT took place on the third day after Jesus had been talking with Nathanael?

Where was Cana?

Ans. In Galilee, about six miles from Nazareth.

Who was at the marriage?

What was the name of the mother of Jesus?

2. Who were called to the marriage?

Is it supposed that Jesus had many disciples at this time?

Ans. He probably did not have many, as He was just beginning His ministry.

Do you remember those mentioned in the last two lessons, and is it not probable that they were with Him?

3. What was wanted?

What did the "mother of Jesus" say to Him?

4. What did Jesus answer?

What did His question mean?

Ans. He wished His mother to understand that she had no authority in directing Him now that His public ministry had commenced.

What "hour" had not come?

Ans. His time for action had not come in this particular case.

5. What did His mother say to the servants?

6. What were set there?

What were the water-pots used for?

What was the custom of the Jews about washing before they ate?

Ans. "The Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders." St. Mark vii. 3.

7. What did Jesus tell the servants to do?

Did they fill them?

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8. What next did Jesus bid them do?
Did they do as Jesus bade them?
Who is meant by the "governor of the feast"?
Ans. The person who had charge of it.
9. What was the water made?
Did the governor know whence the wine was?
Who knew whence it was?
What did the governor do?
10. What did he say of the wine?
11. What is said in this verse?
What is a "miracle"?
Ans. A miracle is something done out of the natural course of things by God, to show His power, and enforce His teachings.
What made this a miracle?
Ans. Water was changed into wine, which is never done in the common course of things.
What did this miracle manifest?
How did it manifest "His glory"?
Ans. By showing His own power as the Son of God.
What effect did it have on His disciples?

LESSON XIII.

Jesus casts the Buyers and Sellers out of the Temple.

St. John ii. 12–23.

12th Verse. WHERE did Jesus go?
Where is Capernaum?
Ans. On the Sea of Galilee, north of Cana.
Where did He go from?
Ans. From Cana, where He made the water into wine.
Who went with Him?
How long did they continue in Capernaum?
13. What was at hand?
What was the "passover"?

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Ans. It was a feast of the Jews, to remind them how God brought their fathers out of Egypt. Ex. xii. 17.

Where did Jesus go?

Where is Jerusalem?

Ans. In Judea, southwest from Capernaum.

Did Jesus go to Jerusalem to attend the Passover? See ver. 23.

How often was the Passover?

Ans. Once every year, in the first month of their sacred year, answering to our month of March or April. Ex. xii. 18.

14. What did He find in the temple?

What was the "temple"?

Ans. A building of great magnificence, which the Jews were commanded to build, in which to worship God; the original being destroyed, it was rebuilt by the order of Cyrus, king of Persia. 2 Sam vii. 4, 5; 1 Kings vi. 1, 2; 2 Kings xxv. 8, 9; Ezra i. 2, 3; iii. 1, 2, 12.

Why were these "animals" there?

Ans. To be sold for sacrifices, to the people who came to the feast.

Who were the "changers of money"?

Ans. Those who exchanged the money of the people who came from other countries for the money of Judea.

15. What did Jesus do?

16. What did He say to them that sold?

Whom did He mean by His "Father"?

Ans. God.

What is a "house of merchandise"?

Ans. Where things are bought and sold.

What did this teach the Jews of the holiness of the temple?

Ans. That it was set apart for the worship of God, and that they ought to reverence it as such.

How ought we to regard our churches?

Ans. As sacred to the worship of God and devoted to divine service.

Who is in His Holy temple?

Ans. "The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." Hab. ii. 20.

17. What did His disciples remember?

Where is this written?

Ans. In the sixty-ninth Psalm, ninth verse.

What made them remember this passage?

Ans. The earnestness and zeal of Jesus in driving out the traders and money changers from His Father's house.

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18. What did the Jews say to Jesus?

What did they mean by what they said?

Ans. They wished to know by what authority He did this.

What authority had He?

Ans. The highest authority, because He was the Son of God.

19. How did He answer them?

What did He mean? See ver. 21.

20. Did the Jews understand Him?

21. Of what temple did He speak?

When did this take place?

Ans. At His crucifixion and resurrection.

22. What did His disciples remember after His resurrection?

23. What effect did His miracles have on the people?

Why are these things written of Jesus?

Ans. "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that *believing*, ye might have *life* through His name." St. John xx. 31.

LESSON XIV.

Christ's Conversation with Nicodemus.

St. John iii. 1–13.

1st Verse. WHO is spoken of in this verse?

Who were the Pharisees?

Ans. A religious sect of the Jews.

What office did Nicodemus hold, being a ruler of the Pharisees?

Ans. An office in the Sanhedrim, which was a council of the Jews to direct the affairs of the nation.

2. Who came to Jesus by night?

Who is meant by the "same"? See ver. 1.

Why did he come "by night"?

Ans. Because he was afraid of the Pharisees, who did not like the teachings of Jesus.

What did Nicodemus call Jesus?

What is the meaning of "Rabbi"?

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Ans. Master. St. John i. 38.

Why was it known Jesus was "a teacher come from God"?

Mention some of His miracles.

Ans. He healed the sick, cast out devils, made the lame walk, the deaf to hear, the blind to see, cured lepers, and raised the dead. St. Matt. iv. 23, 24; St. Luke vii. 13–15; xvii. 11–17.

Did Nicodemus ever defend Jesus?

Ans. He did, when the Pharisees spoke against Him. St. John vii. 45–51.

What did Nicodemus do at His burial?

Ans. He brought spices and laid Him in the sepulchre. St. John xix. 39–42.

3. What did Jesus answer?

What does "verily, verily" mean?

Ans. Truly, truly.

What is it to be "born again"?

Ans. To love God instead of ourselves, and to do His will instead of our own.

How is being born again described in 2 Cor. v. 17?

Ans. Being a "new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

What is meant by "cannot see the kingdom of God"? See verse 5, last clause.

4. What did Nicodemus ask?

5. What did Jesus answer?

What is it to be born of "water"?

Ans. To be baptized.

Of what does the catechism say it is a sign?

Ans "An inward and spiritual grace."

Is the sign anything without the inward grace?

Ans. "He that *believeth* and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." St. Mark xvi. 16.

In whose name are we baptized?

Ans. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." St. Matt. xxviii. 19.

What is it to be "born of the Spirit"?

Ans. To have the love of God in our hearts, which makes us love to obey His commandments.

What is said of those who are born of the Spirit?

Ans. That they are the sons or children of God. Rom. viii. 14.

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6. What did Jesus say of the flesh and the Spirit?

How do those live who live after the "flesh"?

Ans. They like to do things to please themselves instead of pleasing God.

Will those who live so enter Heaven?

Ans. "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. v. 21.

What is the character of those who are born of the Spirit?

Ans. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v. 22, 23.

What will those have who live in the Spirit?

Ans. Life everlasting.

What did Jesus bid us do?

Ans. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." St. Matt. vi. 33.

How may we do this?

Ans. By loving Jesus and believing that He has prepared us a place in Heaven.

7. What did Jesus say we must not marvel at?

Why must we be born again? See ver. 5.

8. What is said in this verse?

9. What did Nicodemus ask?

10, 11. What did Jesus answer?

Was not being born again taught in the Old Testament?

Ans. Yes; for God says there, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Ezek. xxxvi. 26.

Why ought Nicodemus to have known these things, being a ruler or teacher of the Jews?

Ans. Because he must have studied the Old Testament.

12. What did Jesus say of earthly and heavenly things?

Of what earthly thing had He told him? See ver. 8.

13. Who hath ascended up into Heaven?

Was Jesus with God before He came to earth?

Ans. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God." St. John i. 1.

Is Jesus on the earth and in Heaven at the same time?

Ans. Just before His departure into Heaven He said to His disciples, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." St. Matt. xxviii. 20.

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LESSON XV.

Christ's Conversation with Nicodemus — Continued.

St. John iii. 14–21.

14th Verse. WHAT did Jesus say of Himself in this verse?

Why was the serpent lifted up? Read Num. xxi. 5–9.

How was Jesus lifted up?

Ans. On the cross.

15. What reason did Jesus give for being lifted up?

How are these cases alike?

Ans. Looking to the brazen serpent saved the Israelites from death; looking to Jesus Christ saves us from everlasting death.

What must be done in both cases so as to have life?

Ans. The Israelites *believed* they would live if they looked upon the serpent. We also must *believe* that Jesus Christ died for us before we can have eternal life.

How did Jesus answer the question how to be born again?

Ans. He says, simply by believing on Him. See verses 14, 15.

16. How did God show His love to us?

Did Jesus come to save every one?

Is there any other way to be saved?

Ans. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts iv. 12.

Does Jesus wish children to come to Him and be saved?

Ans. While on earth Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. And He took them up in His arms and put His hands upon them and blessed them." St. Mark x. 14, 16.

When does Jesus wish us to come to Him?

Ans. "Behold *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. vi. 2.

17. What farther did Jesus say of Himself?

What did He say of this elsewhere?

Ans. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." St. Luke xix. 10.

18. Who did Jesus say was not condemned?

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Who did our Saviour say was condemned?

How is it that the unbeliever is "condemned already"?

Ans. Because not to believe is sin, and "the soul that sinneth it shall die" Ezek. xviii. 4.

What is the consequence of unbelief?

Ans. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." Ver. 36.

19. What does Jesus say had come into the world?

What does Jesus say of Himself?

Ans. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." St. John viii. 12.

How is He the "light of the world"?

Ans. Jesus said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." St. John viii. 12.

What is darkness?

Ans. Sin, which keeps us from loving Jesus, and knowing the way to Heaven.

How does Jesus keep us from walking in darkness?

Ans. He comes into our hearts and teaches us how to do right, and also helps us to do so.

How does He give us the "light of life"?

Ans. He points out the way to Heaven, by telling us to come to Him and be saved, as He died that we might have everlasting life

Why do men love darkness?

20. What does He say of those who do evil?

21. What of him that doeth the truth?

Read Psalm first.

LESSON XVI.

Healing of the Nobleman's Son.

St. John iv. 46–53.

46th Verse. WHERE did Jesus come again?

What had He done there?

Do you remember about this miracle?

Who is spoken of here?

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What is a nobleman?

Ans. An officer of the king's court.

Who was sick at Capernaum?

Where was Capernaum, and how far from Cana?

Ans. It was on the Sea of Galilee, about fifteen miles north of Cana.

47. What had the nobleman heard?

In what direction is Judea from Galilee?

Ans. South.

What did the nobleman do?

If we come to Jesus to be healed of our sins, will He not do it?

Ans. "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." St. John vi. 37.

Had the nobleman any reason for believing Jesus would heal his son?

Ans. He had probably heard of His healing the sick, and of His other miracles, as "His fame went throughout all Syria." St. Matt. iv. 24.

48. What did Jesus answer?

What did He mean by "signs and wonders"?

Ans. Except ye see miracles to show my power, ye will not believe.

49. What did the nobleman ask Jesus?

Could not Jesus have raised his son, if he had died?

Ans. Yes; for His friend Lazarus was dead, and when He said "Lazarus come forth, he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes." St. John xi. 43. 44.

What did the request show?

Ans. His faith in Jesus' power to save his son.

What ought we to believe?

Ans. That "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Heb. vii. 25.

50. What did Jesus tell the man?

Did the man believe, and how did he act?

Did not this show great faith in the *word* of Jesus?

Ought we not to believe every word that Jesus has spoken?

Ans. Yes; for He is "the truth." St. John xiv. 6.

What has our Saviour said to all?

Ans. "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." St. John vi. 47.

51. As the nobleman was going home who met him?

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What did the servant say?

52. What did the nobleman inquire

How was he answered?

At what hour of our time was the "seventh hour"?

Ans. From twelve to one o'clock in the afternoon.

53. What did the father know?

What effect did this have on him and "his whole house"?

LESSON XVII.

A Miraculous Draught of Fishes

St. Luke v. 1–11.

1st Verse. WHAT is said in this verse?

Where is the lake of Gennesaret?

Ans. In Galilee.

By what other names is it called?

Ans. The Sea of Galilee, and the Sea of Tiberias. St. John vi. 1.

Were multitudes in the habit of coming to Jesus to be taught?

Ans. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people." "And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan." St. Matt. iv. 23, 25.

2. What did Jesus see?

Were the fishermen in them?

Who were these fishermen? See ver. 10.

Who besides Peter, James, and John?

Ans. Andrew, Peter's brother. St. Matt. iv. 18

3. What did our Lord do?

Whose ship was it?

4. What did Jesus say to Simon?

5. What did Simon answer?

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Ought we not to be as ready to obey Jesus as Peter was?
If we love Him shall we not obey Him?
Ans. Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." St. John xiv. 21.

6. Did they catch any fish now?
7. What did they do?
Who were their partners? Ver. 10.
8. What did Simon Peter do?
9. How was Peter affected and those who were with him?
10. What is said of James and John in this verse?
How did Jesus answer Simon Peter?
What did He mean by "catch men"?
Ans. That men would believe what Peter preached and be saved.
By what means are we taught of God and His salvation now?
Ans. The same that Peter used — preaching, and the reading of the Word, with prayer.
11. What did they do?
How did Jesus say we must follow Him?
Ans. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." St. Matt. xvi. 24.
Whom did James and John leave?
Ans. Their father. St. Matt. iv. 22.

LESSON XVIII.

Christ heals the Sick of the Palsy.

St. Mark ii. 1–14.

1st Verse. WHERE did Jesus go?
What does St. Matthew call Capernaum?
Ans. "And He entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into His own city." St. Matt. ix. 1.
Why was it called "His own city"?
Ans. Because He lived there at the commencement of His public ministry. St. Matt. iv. 13, 17.
Where is Capernaum?

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Ans. In Galilee, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

What is said in the latter part of this verse?

2. What effect did this knowledge have?

Did multitudes often follow Jesus?

Ans. They were continually coming to Him to be healed or taught. St. Matt. iv. 23–25; St. Luke v. i.

What did Jesus do?

3. Who was brought to Him?

What is the palsy?

Ans. A disease which takes all the power and feeling from the part of the body affected by it.

How does sin resemble this disease?

Ans. It keeps us from obeying God, or even wishing to.

How many carried the man?

4. What did the men do when they found they could not go in at the door?

5. What did Jesus see in them?

How did they show their faith?

Ans. By what they did. See ver. 4.

Ought not we to be as earnest in coming to Jesus?

Ans. Yes; for He only can save us.

What did our Saviour say to the man?

Can we have our sins forgiven if we do not believe in Jesus?

Ans. No; for only through Him can we have forgiveness.

What else did He say?

Ans. "Son, be of good cheer." St. Matt. ix. 2.

If our sins are forgiven, shall we not be of "good cheer"?

Ans. Having our sins forgiven makes us sure of Heaven, and that must make us glad.

6. Who were sitting there?

7. How did the scribes reason?

Why did they think Jesus blasphemed?

Ans. Because He forgave the man's sins, which God only can do and they thought Jesus was only a man.

Then whom does this prove Jesus to be?

8. What did Jesus know?

Who only knows the thoughts of men?

Ans. God; for He knows all things.

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Is not this another proof of the divinity of Jesus?

What did our Lord say to them?

What question did Jesus ask?

9, 10. What farther did He say?

Whom did He mean by the Son of man?

Ans. Himself.

11. What did Jesus say to the sick man?

12. What did the sick man do?

What besides this did he do?

Ans. He gave praise and thanks to God. St. Luke v. 25.

Ought not we to thank God for all He has done for us by His Son Jesus Christ?

What effect did this have on the multitude?

What is meant by "they glorified God"?

Ans. They gave God all the praise.

13. Where did Jesus go again?

Who went to Him?

What did He do?

Did not Jesus often do this?

Ans. Yes; for multitudes were always coming to Him, and He always taught them. St. Mark vi. 34; St. Luke v. 1, 3.

Of what did He teach them?

Ans. About Himself, as the Saviour of the world, and how to obey God.

14. As Jesus passed from "thence," who did He see?

What name does St. Matthew give him?

Ans. Matthew. St. Matt. ix. 9.

What is said of him?

What does this mean?

Ans. That He was a publican or a collector of taxes.

What did Jesus ask him to do?

Does not Jesus ask us to follow Him?

Ans. He does, continually.

Did St. Matthew go?

Was he not one of the twelve disciples? Read St. Matt. x. 1-3.

Which of the Gospels did he write?

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LESSON XIX.

Christ heals the Impotent Man at Bethesda.

St John v. 2–16.

2d Verse. WHAT place is spoken of in this verse?
What was it called in the Hebrew tongue?
What is the meaning of "Bethesda"?
Ans. House of mercy.

3. Who lay in the porches?
What are "impotent folk"?
Ans. Those who from any cause have lost their strength.
Who are meant by the "halt"?
Ans. Those who are lame.
Who by the "withered"?
Ans. Those whose limbs are wasted and powerless.
What were they waiting for?

4. Who went down into the pool and troubled the water?
What is meant by "the troubling of the water"?
Ans. The angel is supposed to have created a great commotion in it.

5. Who was there?

6. When Jesus saw him what did He ask him?

7. What did the man answer?
Why did he not go into the water afterwards? See ver. 4.

8. What did Jesus bid him do?
Why did He tell the man to take up his bed?
Ans. To show that he was completely cured.

9. What was immediately done?
On what day was it?

10. What did the Jews say to the man?
What law did they refer to?
Ans. That they were to carry no burden on the Sabbath-day. Jer. xvii. 21.

11. How did the man answer the Jews?

12. What did they ask him?

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13. Did the man know who had healed him?
Why did he not know?
14. Where did Jesus find him afterwards?
What did our Lord say to him?
15. What did the man do?
16. How did the Jews treat Jesus?
Why did they seek to slay Him?

Had He broken the Sabbath?

Ans. No; for He had only done good on that day.

What works are lawful to do on the Sabbath?

Ans. Works of necessity and of mercy. Ex. xii. 16; St. Matt. xii. 12.

Ought we to labor or play on the Lord's day?

Ans. No; God has commanded us to do no work on that day, and to keep it holy.

Is it enough to come to Sunday-school, and attend Church, and do no work on that day?

Ans. No; we ought to think of God and His blessings, speak of Him, and try to become better all the day long, "being in the spirit on the Lord's day."

Repeat the commandment.

Ans. "Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it." Ex. xx. 8–11.

On what day did the Jews keep the Sabbath?

Ans. On Saturday, the seventh day of the week. Ex. xx. 10.

Why was the first day of the week chosen as the Lord's day?

Ans. Because the Lord Jesus rose from the dead on that day.

What day did the Apostles keep?

Ans. The first day of the week, "the Lord's day." St. John xx. 19, 26; Acts. xx. 7; Rev. i. 10.

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LESSON XX.

The Sermon on the Mount.

St. Matt. v. 1–9.

1st Verse. WHAT is said in this verse?

From where did the multitude come?

Ans. "From Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan." St. Matt. iv. 25.

Why did the multitude follow Jesus?

Ans. Because He preached the gospel to them and healed "all manner of diseases." St. Matt. iv. 23.

When Jesus had sat down, who came to Him?

Who were His disciples?

Ans. "Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alpheus; and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus; Simon the Canaanite; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him." St. Matt. x. 2–4.

2. What did our Lord do?

What is this discourse generally called?

Ans. The sermon on the mount.

Where else is it found?

Ans. In St. Luke, sixth chapter, from the twentieth verse to the forty-ninth; and a part of the eleventh chapter.

3. Who did our Lord say were blessed?

What is it to be "poor in spirit"?

Ans. To be of an humble and lowly mind.

What invitation does Jesus give?

Ans. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." St. Matt. xi. 29.

What will be theirs?

What is this kingdom?

Ans. Everlasting life.

4. What of those who mourn?

What is it to mourn?

Ans. To grieve. or be sorry.

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What kind of mourning is here meant?

Ans. Sorrow for sin.

What is said of this kind of sorrow?

Ans. That it bringeth repentance to salvation. 2 Cor. vii. 10.

What shall those have who mourn?

How shall we find this "comfort"?

Ans. By trusting in Jesus Christ.

5. Who next did Jesus say were blessed?

What is it to be meek?

Ans. Not to think too much of ourselves, nor try for high places in this world.

What is meekness called in Galatians v. 22, 23?

Ans. The fruit of the Spirit.

What are the meek promised?

6. What is said of those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness"?

What is it to "hunger and thirst after righteousness"?

Ans. To earnestly desire goodness and holiness.

How shall they be filled?

Ans. From God; He will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. St. Luke xi. 9, 13.

What invitation and promise have we?

Ans. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." "He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." St. John vii. 37; vi. 35.

7. Who are blessed in this verse?

What is it to be merciful?

Ans. To be "kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. iv. 32.

What shall the merciful obtain?

From whom shall we obtain mercy?

Ans. From God, "for His mercy endureth for ever." Psa. cxxxvi.

Through whom do we have mercy?

Ans. "Through Jesus Christ our Saviour." Titus iii. 6.

How is God's mercy described?

Ans. "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." Psa. ciii. 8.

8. What did our Lord say of the pure in heart?

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Who are the "pure in heart"?

Ans. Those who have set their hearts on holy things, loving God and His commandments.

How can our hearts be pure before God?

Ans. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 St. John i. 7.

Who can give us a pure heart?

Ans. "Come now, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. i. 18.

What command is here given?

Ans. "Ye shall be holy, for I am holy." Lev. xi. 45.

What promise have the pure in heart?

What are we here told?

Ans. "Follow . . . . holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. xii. 14.

9. Repeat this verse.

What are "peacemakers"?

Ans. Those who do not quarrel themselves, and who try to prevent others.

What command have we here?

Ans. To "live peaceably with all men." Rom. xii. 18.

LESSON XXI.

Sermon on the Mount — Continued.

St. Matt. v. 13–20.

13th Verse. WHAT is said in this verse?

What is the use of salt?

Ans. To preserve and season things.

How can we be the salt of the earth?

Ans. By loving and serving God we can influence others also to do so.

What does Jesus mean by saying "If the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted"?

Ans. If we do wrong and live without the Spirit of God, we shall be of no more use than salt which has lost its strength.

What then ought we to do?

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Ans. Be careful to obey God in all things, that we may set a good example to others.

14. Who are said to be the "light of the world"?

How can we be the "light of the world"?

Ans. If we do right and obey God's commands, we shall teach and enlighten others.

15. What is said in this verse?

What do people know of us?

Ans. They see that our actions are good or bad.

16. How are we told to live before men?

What is meant by "glorify your Father which is in Heaven"?

Ans. That men seeing our good works are led to honor and love God.

Can you mention some good works?

Ans. To be honest, loving, and kind to others; obeying our parents; pleasing others rather than ourselves.

What are we told?

Ans. "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good." Rom. xii. 9.

Has not Jesus taught us how to let our good works shine? See verses 5, 7–9.

17. What did our Lord say He came not to destroy?

What are the law and the prophets?

Ans. All the Old Testament.

How did Jesus "fulfill" the law?

Ans. By obeying and teaching it.

How did He "fulfill" the prophets?

Ans. By what they prophesied coming to pass in regard to Him, and also His teaching what they taught. St. Luke iv. 16–21; Isa. liii. 4–7; 1 St. Peter ii. 23, 24.

18. What did Jesus say about heaven and earth passing away?

Will you describe the passing away of the heavens and the earth?

Ans. "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 St. Peter iii. 10.

What did Jesus say of the law?

What did He teach in St. Matt. xxii. 37–40?

Ans. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love

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thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

19. What is said of those who break the commandments, and teach others to do the same?

What of those who do them, and teach others to obey them?

How can children teach others to obey God?

20. Who shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven?

What was the character Jesus gave the Scribes and Pharisees?

Ans. That they were hypocrites, that is, they appeared to serve God before men when they were wicked in heart. St. Matt. xxiii. 28, 29.

What did Jesus teach opposite to this? See ver. 8.

What besides this did He say of them?

Ans. That they were unkind to the poor and oppressed them, and made long prayers, so as to appear before men to be religious. St. Matt. xxiii. 14.

What did Jesus teach us? See ver. 7.

How is such prayer described?

Ans. "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips, but their *heart* is far from me." St. Matt. xv. 8.

How are we taught to pray?

Ans. "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." St. Matt. vi. 6.

What is true prayer?

Ans. "Ye shall go and pray unto me, ... and ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. xxix. 12, 13.

Where do those go who do not enter Heaven?

Ans. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment." St Matt. xxv. 46.

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LESSON XXII.

Sermon on the Mount — Continued.

St. Matt. v. 21, 22, 29, 30, 38–42.

21st Verse. WHAT did Jesus tell them?

What is meant by "them of old time"?

Ans. Those who taught before Jesus came.

Where do you find this commandment?

Ans. In Exodus, twentieth chapter, thirteenth verse; it is one of the ten commandments.

What judgment is meant?

Ans. A tribunal of twenty-three judges.

22. What did our Lord teach?

Who is our brother?

Ans. Every one.

What led Cain to kill Abel?

Ans. He was angry with him. Gen. iv. 4–8.

What does St. Paul teach?

Ans. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you." Eph. iv. 31.

How can we do this?

Ans. "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. iv. 32.

What did Jesus teach? See ver. 9.

What was the council here spoken of?

Ans. The great Sanhedrim, a council of seventy-two senators, to determine the affairs of the Jewish nation.

What is the meaning of "Raca"?

Ans. Vain fellow.

29, 30. What is taught in these verses?

What is the meaning of this?

Ans. Let it cost what it may, we ought to overcome and conquer sin.

What direction is given?

Ans. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. xii. 21.

What is said in the latter part of each verse?

What does this mean?

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Ans. That it is better to suffer here than eternally.

38. What did Jesus tell them in this verse?

39. What does Jesus teach?

What does this mean?

Ans. We should not return evil for evil, but bear patiently the injuries which we suffer from others.

40, 41. What is said in these verses?

What is meant by this?

Ans. That rather than quarrel, we ought to let people have what they want, and do what they ask, if it is not disobeying God.

What is said of peacemakers in the last lesson? See ver. 9

What command is given in Rom. xii. 18?

Ans. To "live peaceably with all men."

42. What does Jesus teach about giving?

What does that teach us?

Ans. To be generous and not selfish.

Who is it said God loves?

Ans. "God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. ix. 7.

LESSON XXIII.

Sermon on the Mount — Continued.

St. Matt. v. 43–48; vi. 1–4.

43d Verse. What did Jesus tell them in this verse?

What part of this saying is in the law of God?

Ans. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Lev. xix. 18.

What part had the Jews added?

44. What does our Lord teach?

How ought we to treat our enemies?

Ans. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. . . . . Be not overcome of evil; but overcome evil with good." Rom. xii. 20, 21.

What is said of love in Rom. xiii. 10?

Ans. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor."

Whom are we to pray for?

What example did our Lord set us?

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Ans. At His crucifixion He prayed for those who crucified Him, saying, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." St. Luke xxiii. 34.

Do you remember any one else who prayed for his enemies?

Ans. "They stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep." Acts vii. 59, 60.

45. What shall we be if we follow Jesus' instructions? What does God do for all, both the evil and the good?

What does that teach us?

Ans. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men." Gal. vi. 10.

46, 47. What is said in these verses?

Why are publicans especially mentioned?

Ans. Because they were considered very wicked men.

What is taught in 1 St. Peter iii. 8?

Ans. "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous."

48. Whom are we to be like?

What is said in Eph. v. 1?

Ans. "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children."

What has St. Peter said of this?

Ans. "As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy, in all manner of conversation." 1 St. Peter i. 15.

1. What does our Lord teach about alms?

What is the meaning of this?

Ans. That we must not give anything away that men may praise us.

What does God look at in all our actions?

Ans. At the heart, to see if we mean to do right.

What is said in the latter part of this verse?

2. What farther did our Lord say?

What reward is here meant?

Ans. The reward of those who choose the blessings of this world. Gal. vi. 8.

3. How must we give?

What does this mean?

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Ans. We should give without wishing for the praise of men.

What should we desire in our charities?

Ans. "*Whatsoever* ye do, do all to the *glory* of God." 1 Cor. x. 31.

4. How are those rewarded who give in secret?

How will God "reward us openly"?

Ans. He will reward us before the angels and men. St. Matt. xxv. 31–36.

What is the reward of those who give and do good from the love of God?

Ans. A happy life here and hereafter.

In what spirit ought we to give?

Ans. With gladness, "not grudgingly, or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. ix. 7.

What is said of those who do not give when they can?

Ans. That they have not the love of God in them. 1 St. John iii. 17.

What example have we of giving?

Ans. Zaccheus, who gave half of his goods to the poor, and was willing if he had done any wrong to any man to "restore him four-fold." St. Luke xix. 8.

Is there any other way in which we may bestow our alms besides *giving?*

Ans. We can bestow our time, kind words, and kind actions. Heb. xiii. 16.

What will those receive who give?

Ans. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosoms. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." St. Luke vi. 38.

LESSON XXIV.

Sermon on the Mount—Continued.

St. Matt. vi. 5–8.

5th Verse. WHOM did Jesus say we must not pray like?

What are "hypocrites"?

Ans. Those who pretend to be what they are not.

How did they pray?

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Why did they "love to pray standing in the synagogues, and at the corners of the streets"?

What did our Lord say they had?

What is meant by "they shall have their reward"?

Ans. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. vi. 7.

6. How must we pray?

Who is the Father?

What is prayer?

Ans. Asking of God what we need, and praising and thanking Him for all He has done for us.

In what spirit ought we to pray?

Ans. "The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto Heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." St. Luke xviii. 13.

What must we believe when we pray?

Ans. "He that cometh to God must *believe* that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. xi. 6.

What promises have those who truly seek Him?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." St. Matt. vii. 7.

When will God not hear?

Ans. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me." Psa. lxvi. 18.

Who will the Lord hear?

Ans. "The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry." Psa. xxxiv. 15.

How ought we to go to God in prayer?

Ans. "Let us come *boldly* unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. iv. 16.

What encouragement have we thus to come?

Ans. "He that spared not His *own* Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us *all* things." Rom. viii. 32.

In whose name must we pray?

Ans. In the name of Jesus.

How often ought we to pray?

Ans. "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. v. 17.

What does "pray without ceasing" mean?

Ans. To be always ready to commune with God.

Who have we as examples?

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Ans. David and Daniel, who prayed in the "evening and morning and at noon." Psa. lv. 17; Dan. vi. 10.

How shall those be rewarded who pray in secret?

7. What is said in this verse?

What is meant by "vain repetitions"?

Ans. Uselessly saying over and over the same thing.

To what do the heathen pray?

Ans. To idols.

What did they think?

8. What command does Jesus give us in this verse?

Who are meant by them? See ver. 7.

What is said of God?

Is He willing to give us what we ask?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you." St. Matt. vii. 7

LESSON XXV.

Sermon on the Mount—Continued.

St. Matt. vi. 9–13.

9th Verse. How does Jesus teach us to pray?

What is this prayer called?

Ans. The Lord's prayer.

Why is it so called?

Ans. Because our *Lord* Jesus Christ gave it to us.

Do we ask these things in Jesus' name?

Why do we not say "for Jesus sake"?

Ans. Because the prayer was given to us by Jesus, and it is therefore the same as using His name.

What do we call God in this prayer?

Why do we call Him "Father"?

Ans. Because all those who love Jesus as their Saviour are the children of God.

What is the first petition?

What do we pray for when we say "Hallowed be thy name"?

Ans. That we and all others may reverence, and honor the name of God.

What does God require of us?

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Ans. "To be had in reverence of all them that are about Him." Psa. lxxxix. 7.

10. What is the next petition?

Where does Jesus say this "kingdom" is?

Ans. "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." St. Luke xvii. 21.

Then for what do we pray, when we say, "Thy kingdom come"?

Ans. That the Spirit of God may come into our hearts, helping us to obey and love Him. Rom. xiv. 17.

What promise is given in St. Matthew?

Ans. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." St. Matt. v. 6.

For what besides the Holy Spirit do we pray when we say, "thy kingdom come"?

Ans. That the time may soon come when all nations shall worship and serve God. Isa. xi. 9.

What is the next petition?

Who does the will of God in Heaven?

Ans. Saints and angels. Psa. ciii. 20, 21; Deut. xxxiii. 2.

For what do we ask in this petition?

Ans. That we and all others may love and serve God, with all our hearts and minds and souls.

11. For what do we pray in this verse?

Why do we pray for "our daily bread"?

Ans. Because it is the gift of God, and we depend on Him for life and every blessing.

What promise have those who trust in God?

Ans. "Trust in the LORD, and do good, . . . and verily thou shalt be fed." Psa. xxxvii. 3.

12. What is the next petition?

In what does this differ from the same petition in the Prayer Book?

Why is this difference?

Ans. Because the Bible has been translated again, since the Prayer Book was written.

What does "debts" or "trespasses" mean?

Ans. Sins.

Why do we pray to have our sins forgiven as we forgive others? See verses 14, 15.

What is necessary to have our sins forgiven?

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Ans. To repent of them, and believe that God will forgive them because Jesus died for us.

Will not God forgive us?

Ans. Yes; for He has said in the Bible, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isa. lv. 7.

13. For what do we here pray?

What does "Lead us not into temptation" mean?

Ans. Keep us from being led into sin.

How does God keep us from temptation?

Ans. By giving us His Holy Spirit to help us to do right.

From what evil do we pray to be delivered?

Ans. From daily sin, and "the wrath to come."

How can we be delivered from sin and its consequences?

Ans. By trusting in Jesus, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." St. John i. 29.

Repeat the last part of the prayer.

What do we acknowledge in saying "Thine is the kingdom"?

Ans. That God reigns over all things.

Can you tell me what "power" God has?

Ans. All power in Heaven and on earth; power to give us everlasting life or to cast us off forever.

Why ought we to give "glory" to God?

Ans. Because He has offered us salvation through His Son Jesus Christ.

Why do we say "Amen" at the end?

Ans. To show we really want what we have prayed for.

LESSON XXVI.

Sermon on the Mount—Continued.

St. Matt. vi. 16–21.

16th Verse. WHAT does our Lord teach about fasting?

How did He say they fasted?

What did He say they had?

17, 18. How ought we to fast?

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How are we told to fast in Joel ii. 12, 13?

Ans. "Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful."

When does our Church call upon us to fast?

Ans. At the season of Lent.

What is the meaning of Lent?

Ans. Spring.

What is the first day of Lent called?

Ans. Ash-Wednesday.

Why is it so called?

Ans. Ashes were used in old times to denote great humiliation and sorrow.

Of how many days does Lent consist?

Ans. Forty, not including the Sundays.

What do we learn by God seeing in secret?

Ans. "The eyes of the LORD are in *every* place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. xv. 3.

Then what ought we to do?

Ans. To be careful to do right alway.

What will our Father do?

What kind of reward will God give us?

Ans. Inward peace and happiness, which the world cannot give.

19. What does our Lord teach us about this life?

What does this teach us?

Ans. That the things of this world are always passing away. 1 Cor. vii. 31.

If we lay up treasures in this world, will they do us any good hereafter?

Ans. "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." 1 Tim. vi. 7.

What did Jesus teach about the rich?

Ans. "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God." St. Luke xviii. 24.

Why is it hard for the rich to enter Heaven?

Ans. Riches make this world so pleasant that they forget to prepare for another.

20. Where ought we to lay up treasures?

How may we do this?

Ans. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Col. iii. 2.

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What reason is given?

What is said of these treasures in 1 St. Peter i. 4?

Ans. "An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you."

Why ought we to lay up treasures in Heaven?

Ans. "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Heb. xiii. 14.

21. What is said in this verse?

How must we keep our heart?

Ans. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. iv. 23.

How may we obtain these treasures?

Ans. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." St. John vi. 47.

Ought we not to be thankful to God, that there is a way to obtain such riches?

When ought we to seek them?

Ans. "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." St. Matt. vi. 33.

LESSON XXVII.

Sermon on the Mount—Continued.

St. Matt. vi. 24–34.

24th Verse. WHAT has Jesus said of serving two masters?

Whom can we not serve?

What is meant by "mammon"?

Ans. The riches and fashions of this world.

What did our Lord mean when He said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon"?

Ans. That we cannot set our hearts on the things of this world and on God also.

Whom only ought we to serve?

Ans. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." St. Matt. iv. 10.

What does the Lord wish us to do?

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Ans. "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Mic. vi. 8.

How can we serve God besides this?

Ans. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." St John xiv. 15.

What does Jesus say of riches, and entering Heaven?

Ans. Jesus said, "How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God." St. Mark x. 24.

Why is it hard for the rich to enter Heaven?

Ans. They are so taken up with the things they have here, that they forget God, who gives Heaven to those who love Him. Deut. viii. 13, 14.

What ought the rich to remember?

Ans. That God gives them all they have. Deut. viii. 18.

Where ought we to lay up treasure?

Ans. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Ver. 20.

25. How ought we to live?

Does this mean for us not to work to obtain the necessaries of life?

Ans. It does not.

What does it mean?

Ans. For us not to be anxious about the things of this life, but to be contented with what we have.

For what should we labor with more earnestness?

Ans. "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you." St. John vi. 27.

Whom ought we to trust for all that we have?

Ans. God; for He gives us our food and raiment.

26. What did Jesus say of the fowls of the air?

27. What does our Lord say of our stature?

How much is a cubit?

Ans. About twenty-one inches, the length of the arm from the elbow to the hand.

What does this show?

Ans. Our utter dependence on God for all things here and hereafter.

28. What is said of the lilies of the field?

29. To whom does Jesus compare the lilies?

Who was Solomon?

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Ans. The son of David and King of Israel. 1 Kings ii. 12.

What was the glory of Solomon?

Ans. His riches and splendid raiment. 2 Chron. ix. 22.

30. What did our Lord farther say?

31. What does Jesus command?

32. Who did Jesus say sought after these things?

Were the Gentiles God's people?

Ans. They were not.

Whom did they serve?

Ans. Their idols, and the riches of this world.

Who is spoken of as knowing we have need of all these things?

How has our Saviour taught us to pray?

Ans. "Give us this day our daily bread." Ver. 11.

What direction does St. Paul give?

Ans. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. iv. 6.

Does not God supply us with all the necessaries for this life?

Ans. He does; for He made this world, and all things in it, for us and our use.

33. What are we to seek first?

What is the kingdom of God?

Ans. The salvation which He gives to all those who believe in Jesus as their Saviour; or Heaven, where God reigns.

How can we seek the kingdom of God?

Ans. By prayer, and trusting in Jesus.

Has not God promised that those who seek shall find?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." St. Matt. vii. 7.

What is said of this kingdom in Rom. xiv. 17?

Ans. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

What promise have those who trust in God?

Ans. "Trust in the LORD, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Psa. xxxvii. 3.

34. Why should we not "take thought for the morrow"? What is said of "the day"?

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LESSON XXVIII.

Sermon on the Mount — Continued.

St. Matt. vii. 1–5; 7–14.

1st Verse. WHAT command does Jesus give in this verse?

What is it to "judge"?

Ans. To find fault with and be too ready to blame others.

What ought we to do instead of this?

Ans. "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you." Eph. iv. 32.

2. What farther is said in this verse?

What does this mean?

Ans. That if we blame others, they will blame us; if we are kind, we shall meet with kindness.

3, 4. Read these verses.

What did Jesus mean by this?

Ans. That we ought not to be continually finding fault with others, but look at our own faults.

What is meant by "mote" and "beam"?

Ans. Little faults and great sins.

Who is here meant by "thy brother"?

Ans. Any one with whom we have intercourse.

5. What did Jesus teach in this verse?

What is meant by this?

Ans. For us to give up and forsake our faults and sins.

How can we do so?

Ans. By trying to be good, and serving God.

What must we do that we may do right?

Ans. We must ask Jesus to help us.

What is said in the latter part of this verse?

What does this mean?

Ans. That if we keep God's commandments we shall know how to help and teach others to do the same.

7. What promise is given to those who ask?

For what are we to ask?

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Ans The aid of the Holy Spirit to help and teach us to do right St. Luke xi. 9, 13.

What are we next told to do?

What are we to seek?

Ans. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." St. Matt. vi. 33.

What is meant by the "kingdom of God"?

Ans. The salvation which God gives to us through His Son Jesus; or Heaven, where God reigns.

How may we seek this kingdom?

Ans. By believing that Jesus died to save us, and asking Him to do so.

How does God require us to seek Him?

Ans. "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. xxix. 13.

What promise have those who knock?

What does Jesus say of the door of Heaven?

Ans. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." St. John x. 9.

8. What farther is said in this verse?

What encouragement does this give us?

Ans. To go to God, and ask Him for all we need.

9, 10. What is said in these verses?

11. What does Jesus say of our Father in Heaven?

Ought we not to trust God for all our temporal blessings?

Ans. Certainly; for He has promised to give us all we need, or the means to obtain it.

For what besides our earthly blessings ought we to ask and trust God?

Ans. For the blessing of being saved, and the Holy Spirit to help us to love and obey Him.

What reason is given that we should trust God?

Ans. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." Rom. viii. 32.

12. What lesson are we taught in this verse?

If we follow this command, how should we live?

Ans. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Rom. xii. 10.

What command is given in St. Matt. xxii. 39?

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Ans. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

13. What command is here given?

What is meant by the "*strait* gate"?

Ans. The entrance to the Christian life.

How may we enter the strait gate?

Ans. By loving Jesus and doing as He wishes us to do.

What other gate is spoken of in this verse?

How do those live who enter the wide gate?

Ans. A life for this world only.

What destruction is here meant?

Ans. Everlasting destruction in the world to come.

When ought we to enter the strait gate?

Ans. Now; to-day.

Why ought we to do so at once?

Ans. Because we are not sure of to-morrow. Prov. xxvii. 1.

14. What reason is given that many go into the broad way?

What is meant by this?

Ans. That the strait gate and narrow way is a life of self-denial, and few are willing to enter it on that account.

What admonition is given in Prov. iv. 26, 27?

Ans. "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil."

LESSON XXIX.

Sermon on the Mount — Continued.

St. Matt. vii. 15–29.

15th Verse. Of whom does Jesus bid us beware?

Who are meant by false prophets?

Ans. False teachers.

By whom did the true prophets teach and prophesy?

Ans. "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 St. Peter i. 21.

Can you mention some of the Prophets of the Old Testament?

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Ans. Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and many others.

What is the meaning of "sheep's clothing" and "ravening wolves"?

Ans. Those who appear to be teachers of the truth, when they are wicked men.

16. How does Jesus say we shall know them?

17, 18. What does our Lord say of the good and corrupt trees?

How is this explained in St. Luke vi. 45?

Ans. "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

How can we bring forth good fruit?

Ans. By asking the Holy Spirit to teach us.

What are the fruits of the Spirit?

Ans. "Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v. 22, 23.

Can we bring forth good fruits of ourselves?

Ans. Jesus has said, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." St. John xv. 5.

How may we abide in Jesus?

Ans. By loving and trusting Him.

How shall we show that we abide in Jesus?

Ans. Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." St. John xiv. 15.

19. What shall be done with the corrupt tree?

Who are those who do not bring forth good fruit?

Ans. Those who do not love and obey Jesus.

What is meant by "cast into the fire"?

Ans. That they shall be punished with the destruction of the disobedient. 2 Thess. i. 8, 9.

20. What is said in this verse?

How are we known in the world?

Ans. By what we do; by our good or evil actions.

21. Who did Jesus say should not enter the kingdom of Heaven?

Who does our Lord say shall enter the kingdom of Heaven?

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What is the will of the "Father which is in Heaven"?

Ans. That we believe in His Son Jesus as our Saviour, and obey His teachings.

22. What is said in this verse?

What day is here meant?

Ans. The judgment-day.

What is said of that day?

Ans. "We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Cor. v. 10.

23. What will Jesus say to those who call Him "Lord, Lord," and do not the things that He teaches?

Where do those go who "depart" from Jesus?

Ans. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment." St. Matt. xxv. 46.

24. To whom does Jesus liken those who obey His teachings?

Why are they who obey Jesus like this wise man?

Ans. They who obey and believe our Saviour are wise, for Jesus is the only sure foundation on which we can build our hope of everlasting life.

25. What came upon the house?

Did the house fall?

Why did it not fall?

How is this like the true follower of Jesus?

Ans. Let trouble, temptation, or any evil come, Jesus supports and defends him, because he trusts in Him.

26. Who is he that heareth and doeth not, likened to?

How are they who do not obey the teachings of Jesus, like the foolish man?

Ans. They have nothing on which to build their eternal hopes of salvation.

27. What came upon that man's house?

Did the house fall?

What is said of its fall?

Will not those find it so, hereafter, who do not obey Jesus?

Ans. Yes: for those who think they are happy here without Jesus, will find hereafter misery and woe.

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28. What is said of the people in this verse?

29. What is said of Jesus here?

Who were the Scribes?

Ans. Teachers and Doctors of the law.

What authority had Jesus?

Ans. The authority of His Father, and His own as Son.

LESSON XXX.

The Widow of Nain's Son restored to Life.

St. Luke vii. 11–17.

11th Verse. WHERE did Jesus go?

Where is Nain?

Ans. In Galilee, near Capernaum.

What miracle had Jesus performed the day before? Read verses 1–10.

Why did our Lord go from place to place?

Ans. That His works and teachings might be known throughout the country.

12. "When he came nigh the gate of the city" who was carried out?

What is said of him?

How were cities built in those days?

Ans. They were surrounded by walls.

Who were with the woman?

Why were much people with her?

Ans. To mourn with and comfort her.

What example has Jesus set us?

Ans. He sympathized and mourned with Martha and Mary when their brother Lazarus died. St. John xi.

What ought we to do?

Ans. "Weep with them that weep." Rom. xii. 15.

13. How did the Lord feel for this woman?

What did He say?

14. What then did Jesus do?

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What is said of the bearers?

What did our Lord say to the young man?

15. What took place?

What then did Jesus do?

Whom did Jesus raise from the dead besides this young man?

Ans. Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus. St. Mark v. 22, 23, 41, 42; St. John xi. 39–44.

Shall we not all hear the voice of Jesus and rise from the dead?

Ans. "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth." St. John v. 28, 29.

What shall we rise to?

Ans. "They that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." St. John v. 29.

How can we have part in the "resurrection of life"?

Ans. Jesus has said, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." St. John xi. 25.

Why will some rise to the "resurrection of damnation"?

Ans. "He that believeth not, shall be damned." St. Mark xvi. 16.

What reason have impenitent sinners to dread that day?

Ans. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." St. Luke xiii. 5.

16. What effect had this miracle?

How did the miracles of Jesus *glorify* God?

Ans. By showing the power and goodness of God.

What did the people say?

Did they expect a great prophet?

Ans. They did, from what had been foretold in the Old Testament. Deut. xviii. 15.

What should all the wonderful works of God, which we see and hear of, lead us to do?

Ans. To worship and praise Him forevermore.

17. Did this miracle become known?

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LESSON XXXI.

The Parable of the Sower.

St. Luke viii. 4–15.

4th Verse. How did Jesus speak to the people?

What is a "parable"?

Ans. A simple story told to explain some greater thing.

Did multitudes follow Him, and why?

Ans. "People pressed upon Him to hear the word of God." "And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His miracles which he did on them that were diseased." St. Luke v. 1; St. John vi. 2.

Where was Jesus when He spoke this parable?

Ans. He "sat by the sea-side, and great multitudes were gathered together unto Him, so that He went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore." St. Matt. xiii. 1, 2.

5. Who did our Lord say went out to sow his seed?

Who is meant by the sower?

Ans. Any one who teaches the truths of the Bible.

Where did some fall?

What became of it?

6. Where else did some fall?

As soon as it sprang up, what became of it?

Why did it wither?

7. What is said in this verse?

8. What became of the seed that fell on good ground?

After Jesus had "said these things," what did He say?

What did our Lord mean by "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear"?

Ans. It was an earnest appeal to hear and profit by what He taught

9. What did His disciples ask?

10. What did Jesus answer?

What is a "mystery"?

Ans. A hidden truth.

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11. What is said of the seed in this verse?

What is the "word of God"?

Ans. The Bible.

How ought we to study the Bible?

Ans. With diligence and earnestness.

How ought we to receive it?

Ans. As the only way by which the path to Heaven is pointed out to us.

What did David say the word of God was?

Ans. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psa. cxix. 105.

12. Who were meant by "those by the way-side"?

What is said of the devil in 1 St. Peter v. 8?

Ans. "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

When he tempts us what are we to do?

Ans. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." St. James iv. 7, 8.

13. Who are meant by the seed on the rock? What is said of them in time of temptation?

What is meant by they "receive the word with joy" and "which for a while believe"?

Ans. They were glad to hear it, but remembered it only for a short time.

What by "falling away in time of temptation"?

Ans. They obey it for a short time, but when a temptation to sin comes, they sin and forget the word of God.

14. What is said of "that which fell among thorns"?

What has our Lord said about the cares of this life?

Ans. That we must not be anxious about them but trust in God; "for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." St. Matt. vi. 32.

What is said of riches in 1 Tim. vi. 9?

Ans. "They that will be rich, fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts."

What pleasures are here meant?

Ans. Pleasures that lead us away from God.

What must we seek first?

Ans. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." St. Matt vi. 33.

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15. Who are those on the good ground?

Who will give us such a heart?

Ans. God says in the Bible, "A new heart also will I give you." "And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Ezek. xxxvi. 26, 27.

How ought we to pray?

Ans. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psa. li. 10.

What do they do?

How may we bring forth "fruit"?

Ans. By seeking the help and guidance of the Saviour.

How can we get this help?

Ans. By earnest prayer. "Ask, and it shall be given you." St. Luke xi. 9, 13.

What are we told in Galatians vi. 9?

Ans. "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

What shall we reap?

Ans. "He that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. vi. 8.

How ought we to serve our Lord?

Ans. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Col. iii. 23.

What has Jesus said in St. Luke xi. 28?

Ans. "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."

LESSON XXXII.

Christ calms the Tempest and casts out Devils.

St. Matt. viii. 23–34.

23d Verse. WHERE did our Lord go?

Who went with Him?

24. What arose in the sea?

Was the ship in danger?

What does St. Mark say of its danger?

Ans. That "the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full." St. Mark iv. 37.

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Of what are we in danger?

Ans. Of perishing forever.

Why?

Ans. Because sin is all about us, and in us.

What is said of Jesus?

Ans. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." St. Luke xix. 10.

What did Jesus do to save us?

Ans. He died for us.

Did He refuse to save His disciples? See ver. 26.

Will He save us if we come to Him?

Ans. "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." St. John vi. 37.

Is this salvation free to all?

Ans. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. xxii. 17.

What is said about Jesus?

25. What did the disciples do?

What did they say to Jesus?

26. How did our Lord answer them?

Why ought they not to have been afraid?

Ans. They had seen many wonderful works of Jesus, and they should have trusted that, even if He were asleep, He would not have let them perish.

What did our Saviour say of their faith?

How did the disciples show they had "little faith"?

Ans. By going to Jesus and saying "we perish."

How did they show they had some faith?

Ans. By awakening Jesus, and asking Him to save them.

Ought we not to go to Him in all our troubles?

What then did Jesus do?

What did Christ our Lord say to the sea?

Ans. "Peace, be still." St. Mark iv. 39.

What promise have we?

Ans. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isa. xxvi. 3.

27. How were the men affected?

What did they say?

Who only has power over the sea?

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Then whom does this prove Jesus Christ to be?

28. Where did Jesus go?

Who met Him?

What is said of the men?

29. What did they cry out?

30. What was "a good way off"?

31. What did the devils beseech Jesus?

32. What did our Lord command?

What became of the swine?

Why did Jesus destroy the swine?

Ans. To punish the Gadarenes for keeping swine for their Gentile neighbors, when they were forbidden to for themselves.

33. What did the keepers do?

What did they tell?

34. Who came out to meet Jesus?

What did those who came out from the city see?

Ans. They "found the man out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind; and they were afraid." St. Luke viii. 35.

What did they say to Jesus?

Why did they wish Jesus to "depart out of their coast"?

Ans. Because they were awed by this miracle, and, it may be, more troubled by the loss of the swine, than glad that their townsmen had been restored. St. Luke viii. 37.

LESSON XXXIII.

The Healing of a Sick Woman — Jairus' Daughter raised.

St. Mark v. 21–43.

21st Verse. WHAT is said of Jesus in this verse?

Were "much people" in the habit of following Jesus, and why did they?

Ans. Yes; they came to hear Him preach and see His miracles. St. Luke v. 1; St. John vi. 2.

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22. Who came to Jesus?

What was a ruler of the synagogue?

Ans. One who superintended the business, or care of the synagogue, and directed the worship there performed.

What was the ruler's name?

What did he do?

23. What did the ruler say of his daughter?

What is said of her in St. Luke viii. 42?

Ans. "He had one only daughter, about twelve years of age."

What did the ruler ask Jesus to do?

How did the ruler show his faith?

Ans. By coming to Jesus, and asking Him to lay His hand on his daughter, that she might be healed.

What does Jesus wish of us?

Ans. To seek Him by prayer.

What encouragement have we to do so?

Ans. Jesus has said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." St. Matt. vii. 7.

24. Did Jesus grant his request?

Who went with Him?

25, 26. What is said of a certain woman in these verses?

27. What did she do when she heard of Jesus?

28. What did she say?

What did this show?

Ans. That she had faith in the power of Jesus to heal her.

From what must we be healed?

Ans. From our sins.

29. Was the woman healed?

30. Did Jesus know it?

What did He ask?

31. What did His disciples say?

32. What did Jesus do?

33. How did the woman feel, and what did she know

What did she do?

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34. What did Jesus say to her?

How had her faith made her whole?

Ans. She was made whole, because she believed and trusted in the power of Jesus to heal her.

How are we saved by faith?

Ans. By believing as she did, that Jesus is able and willing to save us.

35. Who came while our Lord was speaking?

What did He say?

36. What did Jesus say to the ruler?

What lesson does this teach us?

Ans. To put perfect trust in our Lord Jesus, and fear nothing.

37. Who did Jesus allow to go with Him?

38. When our Lord came to the ruler's house what did He see?

What else did He see?

Ans. Minstrels. St. Matt. ix. 23.

What was the custom among Eastern nations, when death took place?

Ans. To have music, moaning, and wailing.

39. What did Jesus say to them?

40. How did they receive what He said?

What did He do?

Who went in with Jesus where the damsel was?

Who was with our Lord? See ver. 37.

41. What did our Saviour do?

What did He say?

Whose voice will call us from the dead?

Ans. "The hour is coming . . . . when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." St. John v. 25.

42. What then happened?

How did they feel?

What did Jesus tell them to do?

Ans. "He commanded to give her meat." St. Luke viii. 55.

43. What did Jesus charge them?

What did He command?

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Was it kept secret?

Ans. No; "the fame thereof went abroad unto all the land." St. Matt. ix. 26.

LESSON XXXIV.

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant.

St. Matt. xviii. 21–35.

21st Verse. WHAT did Peter ask the Lord?

How many times did the Jews generally forgive?

Ans. They generally forgave a person three times.

22. What did Jesus answer?

What did our Lord mean by "seventy times seven"?

Ans. That they were to forgive always; there was no limit to how often we should forgive.

23. What parable did Jesus speak to show His meaning?

Who is the "king" meant to represent?

Ans. God.

Who the "servants"?

Ans. Myself and all others.

To whom shall we give an account?

Ans. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. xiv. 12.

Of what shall we give account?

Ans. Of our actions, words, and thoughts.

When shall we give this account?

24. Who was brought to the lord?

How much is a talent?

Ans. Of silver, one thousand five hundred and twenty dollars; of gold, twenty four thousand three hundred and nine dollars.

Have we not sinned greatly before God?

Is there one that has not sinned?

Ans. "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us."

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25. Could the servant pay his lord?

26. What did the servant do?

What did he say?

27. How did the lord feel?

Is not God full of compassion towards those who repent and ask forgiveness?

Ans. "For thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee." Psa. lxxxvi. 5.

What did the lord do?

Will not God forgive us our sins if we confess them?

Ans. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 St. John i. 9.

28. What did the servant do?

How much did his fellow servant owe him?

How much is a penny?

Ans. Fourteen cents.

How much less was this sum than what was owed by the first servant?

Ans. A million times less of gold.

29. What did his fellow servant do?

Were not these the same words the servant used to his lord? See ver. 26.

30. Did he have patience with him?

31. How did his fellow servants feel?

What did they do?

32, 33. What did the lord say to the servant?

Why did he call the servant wicked?

Ans. Because he had not forgiven his fellow servant.

Had the lord shown pity to him? See ver. 27.

34. What did the lord do with the wicked servant?

35. How did Jesus say we should be treated if we do not forgive others?

Shall we Christians be forgiven if we forgive?

Ans. "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you." St. Matt. vi. 14.

How did Jesus teach us to pray, in the Lord's prayer?

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What is it to forgive from the heart?

Ans. To feel kindly towards those who have injured us, and be willing to do them good.

LESSON XXXV.

The Good Samaritan.

St. Luke x. 25–37.

25th Verse. WHO is spoken of in this verse?

What did the lawyer ask?

What is meant by "tempted Him"?

Ans. To try Him, in order to see if He would say something contrary to the law.

26. What did Jesus answer?

What did our Lord mean by "the law"?

Ans. The first five books of the Bible.

27. What did the lawyer say?

Where is this written?

Ans. In Deuteronomy, sixth chapter, fifth verse; and Leviticus, nineteenth chapter, eighteenth verse.

What reason have we for loving God?

Ans. He has commanded us to love Him, and He gives us all our daily blessings.

How besides all this has God shewn His love?

Ans. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." 1 St. John iv. 9.

How may we show our love to Him?

Ans. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." St. John xiv 15.

If we love God, shall we not love our neighbor?

Ans. "He who loveth God, love his brother also." 1 St. John iv. 21.

What does Jesus say of these commandments?

Ans. "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." St. Matt. xxii. 40.

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28. What did He say to the lawyer?

Has any one obeyed the law?

Ans. "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." Psa. liii. 3.

Then how can we *live?*

Ans. Jesus has said, "Verily, verily . . . . he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." St. John vi. 47.

29. What did the lawyer ask, and why?

30. What did our Lord say of a certain man?

Where is Jerusalem?

Ans. In Judea.

Where is Jericho?

Ans. In Judea, east of Jerusalem.

How far is Jericho from Jerusalem?

Ans. Twenty miles, and six from the river Jordan.

31. Who by chance passed by that way?

Did the priest take pity on the man?

32. Who next passed by?

What did the Levite do?

What character did these two men show?

Ans. They were selfish, and unmerciful.

33. Who journeyed that way?

Who were Samaritans?

Ans. The people who lived in Samaria.

How did the Jews feel towards the Samaritans?

Ans. They hated them, and would have no dealings with them St. John iv. 9.

How did the Samaritan feel?

What promise is made to those who have compassion on others?

Ans. "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." St. Matt. v. 7.

34. What did the Samaritan do?

Where did he bring him?

35. On the morrow what did he do?

How much is two pence?

Ans. About twenty-eight cents, or two days' wages; a penny with the Jews was about fourteen cents. St. Matt. xx. 2.

What did the Samaritan say to the host?

36. What question did Jesus ask?

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37. What was the lawyer's answer?

What did our Lord bid him do?

What does this parable teach us?

Ans. That every one is our neighbor, and that we ought to be kind and loving to all.

LESSON XXXVI.

Five Thousand Persons miraculously fed.

St. John vi. 5–15.

5th Verse. WHOM did Jesus see coming to Him?

Where was He at this time?

Ans. In "a desert place, belonging to the city called Bethsaida." St. Luke ix. 10.

Where was Bethsaida?

Ans. On the Sea of Galilee.

Why were Jesus and His disciples there?

Ans. To "rest awhile; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." St. Mark vi. 31.

Why did the people follow Him? See ver. 2.

How did Jesus feel when He saw the multitude?

Ans. He "was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd." St. Mark vi. 34.

What did He do?

Ans. "He received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing." St. Luke ix. 11.

Is not Jesus as compassionate towards us as He was towards them?

Ans. Yes; for He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." St. Matt. xi. 28.

How must you come to Jesus?

Ans. Feeling my *need* of Him as my Saviour, *believing* He will save me.

What did our Saviour say to Philip?

Who was Philip?

Ans. One of the twelve Apostles. St. Matt. x. 2, 3.

6. Why did Jesus ask Philip this?

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What does it mean by "to prove" him?

Ans. To see if Philip had faith in Him.

Did our Lord know what He would do?

7. What did Philip answer?

How much is two hundred pence?

Ans. About twenty-nine dollars fifty cents.

8, 9. What did one of the disciples say?

What is said of the day in St. Mark?

Ans. "And when the day was now far spent, His disciples came unto Him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed." St. Mark vi. 35.

What did they wish Jesus to do, and why?

Ans. To send the multitude away, "that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat." St. Mark vi. 36.

10. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?

How did they sit?

Ans. "They sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties." St. Mark vi. 40.

How many were there?

How is this told by St. Matthew?

Ans. "They that had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children." St. Matt. xiv. 21.

11. What did Jesus do?

How were the bread and fishes distributed?

12. What did He say to His disciples?

What does this teach us?

Ans. That we must not waste anything.

13. How much did they gather?

What was the size of the baskets?

Ans. Each basket held just a loaf.

How much did they have at first? Ver. 9.

Whom does this prove Jesus to be?

14. What effect did this miracle have on the people?

Were the Jews expecting a prophet at this time?

Ans. They were; for Moses and Daniel and many others had prophesied that a mighty prophet should come. Deut. xviii. 15; Dan. ix. 25, 26.

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15. What did the people wish to do?

Is not Jesus our King?

Ans. Yes; for the Bible calls Him "Lord of lords, and King of kings." Rev. xvii. 14.

What did He say in St. John xviii. 36?

Ans. "My kingdom is not of this world."

Where did our Lord go?

Why did He go to the mountain?

Ans. "He went up into a mountain apart to pray." St. Matt. xiv. 23.

What does Jesus teach us?

Ans. "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." St. Matt. vi. 6.

What did the people do afterward? See ver. 24.

What was their object? Ver. 26.

What did Jesus bid them do? Ver. 27.

How may we obtain the bread which endureth unto everlasting life? Ver. 35.

Would not the people have been very foolish if they had refused the food Jesus gave them?

Are not those who reject the bread of life still more unwise?

LESSON XXXVII.

Jesus walking on the Water.

St. Matt. xiv. 22–33.

22d Verse. WHAT did Jesus constrain His disciples to do?

They were to go the "other side" of what?

Ans. The Sea of Galilee.

Where were they?

Ans. In "a desert place, belonging to the city called Bethsaida." St. Luke ix. 10.

What did Jesus do?

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What miracle had He just performed? Read verses 15–21.

What did the people wish to do?

Ans. To "take Him by force, to make Him king." St. John vi. 15.

23. After Jesus had sent the multitude away, where did He go?

Why did Jesus pray?

Ans. Because He loved the Father, and loved to commune with Him, and, as man, needed strength.

Did not Jesus pray for His disciples?

Ans. Yes; for He said to Peter, before he denied Him, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." St. Luke xxii. 32.

What does that teach us?

Ans. To pray for one another.

Should not we love to pray?

Is not prayer necessary for our salvation?

Ans. If we do not ask God to forgive us our sins, we cannot go to Heaven.

What example has Jesus given us by going and remaining on the mountain alone?

Ans. The duty of seeking God in solitude.

What has He taught of this?

Ans. "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." St. Matt. vi. 6.

What promise have those who pray?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." St. Matt. vii. 7.

Ought we not to go apart, and thank God for all His blessings, every day?

Ans. Yes; for it is He that made the world for us, and all things in it for our comfort.

For what besides all these blessings ought we to thank Him?

Ans. For our great salvation, through Jesus Christ.

24. What is said of the ship in which the disciples were?

25. How did Jesus go to His disciples?

Could Jesus have done this had He been only a man?

Ans. No; but He is God, and can do all things.

When was the "fourth watch"?

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Ans. The fourth watch of the night began three hours before sunrise.

26. Did the disciples see Jesus?

Were they afraid?

27. What did our Lord do?

What did He say?

Is not Jesus always ready to cheer and encourage us when we are in trouble?

Ans. Yes, if we love and trust Him.

What does He say in St. John xiv. 1, 2?

Ans. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, *believe* also in *me.* In my Father's house are many mansions."

28. What did Peter ask?

Was not Peter always foremost among the disciples?

Ans. He was the most ardent and impulsive of them all.

Did not his request show great faith in the power of Jesus?

What does Jesus declare of Himself?

Ans. "And Jesus came, and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth." St. Matt. xxviii. 18.

What is He able to do for us?

Ans. He can help us to be good, and to do right. Phil. iv. 13.

What else is He able to do for us?

Ans. "He is able also to *save* them to the *uttermost* that come unto God by Him." Heb. vii. 25.

29. What did our Lord say to Peter?

Does not Jesus bid you come to Him?

Ans. Jesus has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." St. Luke xviii. 16.

What did Peter do?

30. Had he full confidence in Jesus to make him walk on the water?

When are we like Peter?

Ans. When we turn our eyes from Jesus, and look only on the cares and troubles of this life.

What happened?

Shall we not sink in the sea of sin and sorrow, if we do not *look* to Jesus?

Ans. Yes; for He only can save us.

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How ought we to *look* to Him?

Ans. With faith; *believing* that He is *able* and *willing* to forgive our sins, and give us a place in Heaven.

What did Peter cry?

31. What did Jesus immediately do?

Is not Jesus always ready to save those who like Peter call upon Him?

Ans. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Heb. xiii. 8.

What did Jesus say to Peter?

32. What is said in this verse?

How did the disciples feel?

Ans. "They were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered." St. Mark vi. 51.

33. What did those do in the ship?

LESSON XXXVIII.

Christ heals the Daughter of the Woman of Canaan

St. Matt. xv. 21–31.

21st Verse. WHERE did Jesus go?

Where are Tyre and Sidon?

Ans. In Syria, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

What is said of Jesus in St. Mark?

Ans. That He "entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but He could not be hid." St. Mark vii. 24.

Why could He not be hid?

Ans. Because "His fame went throughout all Syria." St. Matt. iv. 24.

22. Who came to Jesus?

From where did she come?

Of what nation was she?

Ans. "A Greek, a Syrophenician by nation." St. Mark vii. 26.

What did she cry?

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How did she wish Jesus to have mercy on her?

Ans. "That He would cast forth the devil out of her daughter." St. Mark vii. 26.

Why did she call Jesus the "Son of David"?

Ans. Because our Lord was descended from David. St. Matt. i. 1.

What reason had she for thinking Jesus could help her?

Ans. She probably had heard of His power to cast out devils. St. Matt. iv. 24.

What is the Lord Jesus able to do for us?

Ans. To take sin out of our hearts, and make us love to be good.

Then what ought to be our prayer?

Ans. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psa. li. 10.

23. Did Jesus answer her?

Why did He not?

Ans. Because He wished to show how earnest she was.

What has Jesus taught about prayer?

Ans. "That men ought always to pray and not to faint." St. Luke xviii. 1.

What did His disciples ask Him to do?

24. What did He answer?

Whom did He mean by "the lost sheep of the house of Israel"?

Ans. The Israelites.

Was the woman an Israelite? See ver. 22.

25. What did she do after hearing this?

What did her coming and worshipping Him show?

Ans. Her earnestness in having her daughter healed, and also her faith in His power to cast the devil out of her daughter.

How ought we to pray for the salvation of our friends?

Ans. With the same earnestness and faith that this woman had.

What encouragement have we to do so?

Ans. Jesus is willing and able to save them.

26. What was His answer?

Whom did our Lord mean by "the children"?

Ans. The Israelites.

Who by the "dogs"?

Ans. The Gentiles.

Was not the name of dog a term of contempt?

Ans. Those whom they despised were often called dogs.

27. What did the woman answer?

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What did her answer show?

Ans. It showed her humility, earnestness, and faith.

Is it not in this spirit that we ought to come to Jesus with our petitions?

28. Why did Jesus grant her request.

What does God require of us when we come to Him?

Ans. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. xi. 6.

What does Jesus say in St. Matt. xxi. 22?

Ans. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Was her daughter healed?

Why may we suppose this healing took place?

Ans. To encourage all to ask, even over and over again, for what they want.

29. Where did Jesus go after this?

Where is this sea?

Ans. In Galilee.

30. Who came to Him?

What is said of some of them?

What was done with them?

Why did they lay them at Jesus' feet?

Ans. For Him to heal them.

What did He do?

31. What effect did it have on the multitude?

What did they do?

Why did they glorify God?

Ans. Because they saw the miracles He did by His son Jesus Christ.

What is meant by "they glorified God"?

Ans. They gave Him all the praise.

Why is God called the God of Israel?

Ans. Because they were His *chosen* people. Deut. xiv. 2.

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LESSON XXXIX.

The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Piece of Money

St. Luke xv. 1–10.

1st Verse. WHO drew near to hear Jesus?

Who were publicans?

Ans. Tax collectors.

What disciple of Jesus was a publican?

Ans. St. Matthew. St. Matt. ix. 9.

Are not we sinners?

Ans. Yes; the Bible says, "All have sinned." Rom. iii. 23.

Then ought we not to attend to the teaching of Jesus?

Ans. Yes; for He says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." St. John xiv. 6.

2. How did the Pharisees and scribes feel?

Who were the Pharisees?

Ans. A religious sect among the Jews.

Who were the scribes?

Ans. Lawyers.

What did they say of Jesus?

How were publicans regarded?

Ans. As great sinners. St. Luke xix. 2, 7.

What does Jesus declare He came for?

Ans. "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." St. Matt. ix. 13.

For what did our Lord leave Heaven and come into this world?

Ans. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. i. 15.

3. How did our Lord speak to them?

What is a parable?

Ans. A simple story, told to explain a higher thing.

4. How did Jesus begin the parable?

Are we not called wandering sheep in Scripture?

Ans. It is written, "All we like sheep have gone astray." Isa. liii. 6.

Where do we confess this, and when?

Ans. In Church, when we repeat the confession in the morning and evening service.

Who is our shepherd?

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Ans. Jesus has said, "I am the good shepherd." St. John x. 11.

Are we not safe when we are under His care?

Ans. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." St. John x. 27, 28.

How does Jesus speak of Himself in regard to this?

Ans. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." St. Luke xix. 10.

5. What is said in this verse?

Who is the lost sheep? See ver. 7.

6. Whom did the owner of the sheep call together? What did he say to them?

7. Where does our Lord say there is joy over those who repent?

What is it to repent?

Ans. To be sorry for doing wrong, and so make up our minds to do right in the future.

What is the danger of not repenting?

Ans. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." St. Luke xiii. 3.

How is God represented in verses 18–24? Read them.

Then what ought you to do?

Ans. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts iii. 19.

How ought you to show your repentance?

Ans. "I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life."

What encouragement have we to repent?

Ans. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isa. lv. 7.

8. What is the subject of the next parable?

What piece of silver was this?

Ans. The drachm, equal to the Roman penny, about fourteen cents.

9. What did the woman do, when she found the silver?

Does not this parable also represent God's joy over sinners who repent?

10. Who did our Saviour say rejoiced over sinners that repent?

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Who are the angels?

Ans. The beings who have never fallen, and who live with God in Heaven.

LESSON XL.

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

St. Luke xvi. 19–31.

19th Verse. WHAT does Jesus say of a rich man?

Does not his dress of "purple" and "fine linen" indicate his being rich and in high office?

Ans. Yes. Kings, nobles, and wealthy people generally wore raiment of purple and fine linen. Esther viii. 15.

What is meant by "fared sumptuously"?

Ans. That he had the most delicate and costly food to eat.

20. Who was laid at the rich man's gate?

Why was he laid there?

Ans. To receive alms.

What is the meaning of Lazarus?

Ans. God my helper.

21. What did Lazarus desire?

What is promised to those who are kind to the poor?

Ans. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble." Psa. xli. 1.

22. What came to pass?

Where was Lazarus carried?

Who was Abraham?

Ans. Father of the Israelites.

What is meant by Lazarus being carried into Abraham's bosom?

Ans. It was a name often used for Paradise, among the Jews.

How may we obtain a place in Heaven?

Ans. By seeking it earnestly through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us.

Who took Lazarus into Abraham's bosom?

Do the angels take any interest in us?

Ans. Yes; for "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." St. Luke xv. 10.

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What else do they do?

Ans. "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." Heb. i. 14.

Did the rich man die?

23. Where did the rich man lift up his eyes?

Who go into everlasting punishment?

Ans. Those who do not obey and trust in the Saviour. Rev. xxi. 8.

Whom did the rich man see?

24. What did he ask Abraham to do?

25. Did Abraham grant his request?

What good things did the rich man receive in his life-time? See ver. 19.

Was the rich man punished because he was rich?

Ans. No; because he loved his riches and the enjoyment of them more than God.

How did he show that he did?

Ans. By not parting with some of them for the comfort of Lazarus

What evil things did Lazarus receive? Verses 20, 21.

Was Lazarus taken to Heaven because he was poor and afflicted?

Ans. No; it was because he loved and trusted God.

Does not God often send trouble to those He loves?

Ans. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." Heb. xii. 6.

Why does He do so?

Ans. To bring us nearer to Him, and fit us for Heaven.

What did they both receive?

26. What did Abraham say was fixed between them?

What did he say about passing it?

What does that teach us?

Ans. That there is no change of state after death.

May we not die any day?

Ans. Yes; for we are not sure of even an hour more to live.

Then what ought you to do?

Ans. To repent *now*, *to-day*, of my sins, and accept Jesus as *my* only Saviour.

27. What farther did the rich man ask?

28. Why did he wish Lazarus sent?

What could he testify? Verses 23, 24.

Ought you not to try to save others as well as yourself?

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29. What did Abraham answer?

Who was Moses?

Ans. The leader of the children of Israel to the promised land.

Mention some of the prophets.

Ans. Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Daniel, and many others.

What did they write?

Ans. The books of the Old Testament.

What did Jesus say of their writings?

Ans. "They are they which testify of me." St. John v. 39.

Can you tell me what they taught of Him?

Ans. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Isa. liii. 5.

Have we not more than Moses and the prophets?

Ans. We have also the teachings of Jesus.

Who does Jesus send to teach us, now He is in Heaven?

Ans. The Holy Spirit, to tell us we are sinners, and to trust Jesus as our Saviour. St. John xvi. 7–11, 13, 14.

Then will it not be your fault if you are lost?

30. What did the rich man say?

31. What was Abraham's reply?

Ought we not to give earnest heed to the teachings of the Bible?

Ans. We should make it our daily study and guide.

What does David say in Psalm cxix. 105?

Ans. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

What does the fate of the rich man teach us?

Ans. To think more of God and how to serve Him, than of the world.

What does Jesus say?

Ans. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." St. Matt. vi. 33.

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LESSON XLI.

Christ teaches Humility.

St. Matt. xviii. 1–6.

1st Verse. WHO came to Jesus?

What did they ask?

What had they been disputing about?

Ans. "By the way they had disputed among themselves who should be the greatest." St. Mark ix. 34.

What sort of kingdom did they probably suppose Christ's would be?

Ans. A kingdom of this world.

What has Jesus said of His kingdom?

Ans. "My kingdom is not of this world." St. John xviii. 36.

What is here meant by the "greatest"?

Ans. One who has the highest place.

What character did this show in the disciples?

Ans. That they were ambitious, each one wishing to be first.

2. What did Jesus do?

3. What did Jesus say to His disciples?

What is it to be *converted?*

Ans. To have one's heart changed, "to be born of the Spirit." St. John iii. 8.

What is it to become like a little child towards God?

Ans. To be trusting and submissive, not ambitious for worldly honors, but contented and lowly.

4. What does our Lord say of the humble?

What is the kingdom of Heaven?

Ans. A spiritual kingdom, always within our reach, always open to receive us.

5. What more did Jesus say?

How does St. Luke relate this?

Ans. "Whosoever shall receive this child in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth Him that sent me." St. Luke ix. 48.

6. What did He say of offending "one of these little ones"?

Whom did He mean by one of "these little ones"?

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Ans. Christians; those who believe in Him, and belong to Him.
May you not be one of "these little ones"?
Ans. Yes, by loving and trusting Jesus as my Saviour.
What is meant by offending them?
Ans. Tempting them to sin.
Of what ought we to be very careful?
Ans. Of the influence we have over others, lest we should make them do wrong.
What is the principal thing taught in this lesson?
Ans. We learn how we can be great in the kingdom of Heaven.
How can we?
Ans. By being meek and lowly, not minding "high things," or trusting in ourselves, but feeling dependent on God for all goodness and holiness through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

LESSON XLII.

Christ cleanses Ten Lepers.

St. Luke xvii. 11–19.

11th Verse. In going to Jerusalem, through what countries did Jesus pass?
Where was Galilee?
Ans. In the northern part of Palestine.
Where was Samaria?
Ans. In Palestine, between Galilee and Judea.
12. Who met Jesus at the entrance of a village?
What are "lepers"?
Ans. Those who have a terrible disease called the leprosy.
What is the appearance of lepers?
Ans. They are "as white as snow." 2 Kings v. 27.
Why did they stand "afar off"?
Ans. Because they were commanded to live apart from others. Lev. xiii. 46.
13. What did they ask of Jesus?
14. What did Jesus bid them do?
Why did He tell them to show themselves to the priest?

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Ans. Because it is written in the law, that when lepers were cleansed they should show themselves to the priest. Lev. xiv. 2.

What came to pass as they went?

What did they show by going?

Ans. Their faith in Jesus.

15, 16. What did one of them do?

Ought we not to thank God when we recover from illness?

Who was he who returned and gave thanks?

17. What did Jesus ask?

18. What farther did our Lord say?

Why did He call him a "stranger"?

Ans. He was a Samaritan, and "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." St. John iv. 9.

19. What did Jesus say to the Samaritan?

Of what do we need to be cleansed?

Ans. Of our sins.

What is necessary to have our sins forgiven?

Ans. To repent of them, and believe that Jesus is willing to forgive them.

In what way can we be cleansed?

Ans. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 St. John i. 7.

LESSON XLIII.

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard.

St. Matt. xx. 1–16.

1st Verse. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven?

What is here meant by the "kingdom of heaven"?

Ans. The true Church of God.

Who by the householder?

Ans. God.

What is meant by the "vineyard"?

Ans. God's kingdom here on earth.

Who by the "laborers"?

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Ans. All those who have received Jesus as their Saviour.

2. What did the householder agree to give the laborers?

How much is a penny?

Ans. About fourteen cents.

Where did he send them?

What is a vineyard?

Ans. A field where grapes are cultivated, which are very abundant in Judea.

3. At what time did he next go out?

When did the Jews begin the day?

Ans. At about six o'clock in the morning.

When would the "third hour" be?

Ans. From eight to nine o'clock in the morning.

Whom did he see?

4. What did he say to them?

What did they do?

What is meant by "they went their way"?

Ans. They went into the vineyard.

What ought you to do?

Ans. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Eccl. xii. 1.

What promise have those who seek Him early?

Ans. "Those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. viii. 17.

5. At what time did the householder go out again?

What were the "sixth" and "ninth hour"?

Ans. From eleven to twelve, and two to three.

What is meant by "did likewise"?

Ans. He also sent others into his vineyard.

6. At what time did he go out again?

With what hour of our time does the eleventh hour correspond?

Ans. From four to five o'clock in the afternoon.

How did he find others.

Ought we ever to be idle?

Ans. "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.' Rom. xii. 11.

How ought we to work?

Ans. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. ix. 10.

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In what spirit ought we to work?

Ans. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the *Lord*, and not unto men." Col. iii. 23.

Why ought we to do so?

Ans. "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. vi. 20.

What is said to the idle?

Ans. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." Prov. vi. 6.

What did the householder ask them?

7. What did they answer?

What did he tell them to do?

What did he say he would give them?

What reward shall we have if we love and obey God?

Ans. "To them who, by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." Rom. ii. 7.

8. When "even was come," what did the lord say to the steward?

9. What did those who were hired the eleventh hour receive?

10. What did those who were hired first, suppose they would receive?

What did they receive?

11. Were they satisfied?

12. How did they murmur "against the good man of the house"?

13, 14, 15. What did he answer one of them?

If God will reward those who come to Him late in life, why should you not put off coming to Him?

Ans. We may not live till to-morrow, and if we do, the longer we put it off the harder it will be to come.

What are we told to do that we may enter the kingdom of God?

Ans. To strive to enter in at the strait gate. St. Luke xiii 24.

16. What is said in this verse?

Does not the teaching of this lesson *call* you?

Cannot you also be among the *chosen*?

Ans. Yes; for Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." St. John vi. 37.

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LESSON XLIV.

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican.

St. Luke xviii. 9–16.

9th Verse. To whom did Jesus speak?

Will our righteousness save us?

Ans. No; by the righteousness of Christ we are saved. 1 Cor. i. 30.

10. Who went up into the temple?

Who were they?

Who were Pharisees?

Ans. A religious sect among the Jews.

Who were publicans?

Ans. Tax collectors.

What did the Jews think of the publicans?

Ans. They thought them very low and mean.

11. How did the Pharisee pray?

Did he not exalt himself before God?

Will God hear such prayers?

Ans. God hears only the prayers of the humble.

12. Of what did he boast?

How did Jesus esteem the righteousness of the Pharisees?

Ans. As not fit for Heaven; for He said, "That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven." St. Matt. v. 20.

What is a tithe?

Ans. A tenth part of anything.

Why did the Jews give tithes?

Ans. They were commanded to give this portion of their gains to God. Lev. xxvii. 30–32.

What ought this to teach us?

Ans. To give of what we have to help the preaching of the gospel.

From what motive ought we to give our alms?

Ans. To please God; not to obtain the praise of men.

Did the Pharisee have what is described here?

Ans. "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, ... and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing: charity suffereth long

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and is kind: . . . . charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, ... thinketh no evil." 1 Cor. xiii. 3–5.

13. How did the publican pray?

What did his not lifting up his eyes to Heaven show?

Ans. His humility and veneration.

In what are you like the publican?

Ans. I am a sinner.

Then how ought you to pray?

Ans. "God be merciful to me a sinner."

What promise have those who acknowledge their sins?

Ans. "If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 St. John i. 9.

14. What did our Lord say of the publican?

What is it to be "justified" before God?

Ans. To have our sins forgiven; therefore to be looked upon by Him as if we had never sinned.

How can God forgive our sins?

Ans. Through Jesus He can be just, and yet justify the sinner. 2 Cor. v. 21.

Why was the publican *justified* rather than the Pharisee?

Ans. The publican was humble and repentant; the Pharisee was proud and boastful.

What did Jesus say of him that exalteth himself?

What of him that humbleth himself?

How shall he be exalted?

Ans. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." St. Matt. v. 3.

15. Who were brought to Jesus?

What did the disciples do?

How did Jesus feel?

Ans. "When Jesus saw it, He was much displeased." St. Mark x. 14.

16. What did He do?

What did He say to the disciples?

What did He say of the children?

How does Jesus explain this in St. Mark x. 15?

Ans. "Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

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What does St. Mark say the Saviour did with the children?

Ans. "And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them." St. Mark x. 16.

Did not this show Jesus' love for children?

How can children come to Jesus themselves?

Ans. They can pray to Him at all times and in all places.

What particular promise have those who seek Him *early*?

Ans. "Those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. viii. 17.

What was David's prayer?

Ans. "O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Psa. xc. 14.

LESSON XLV.

Christ foretells His Death.—Restoreth a Blind Man to his Sight.

St. Luke xviii. 31–43.

31st Verse. WHAT did Jesus do?

Who are the "twelve"?

Ans. Our Lord's disciples, whom He chose to be with Him while He was here on the earth. St. Luke vi. 13.

Can you name them?

Ans. "Simon (whom He also named Peter), and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon called Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which was also the traitor." St. Luke vi. 14–16.

What did Jesus say to them?

Who is the "Son of man"?

Ans. Jesus Christ, who was both the Son of man and the Son of God.

What had the prophets written concerning Jesus?

Ans. That He should be "despised and rejected of men. . . . . He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities." Isa. liii. 3, 5.

32, 33. How did our Saviour say it would be accomplished?

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How was Jesus delivered to the Gentiles?

Ans. "When they (the Jews) had bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor." St. Matt. xxvii. 2.

Did these things take place? Read St. Matt. xxvii. 27–31, 35.

What did our Lord say would take place on the third day?

Did this take place?

Ans. "He rose again the third day." 1 Cor. xv. 4.

34. Did the disciples understand Jesus?

When did they understand Him?

Ans. After His resurrection and His ascension. St. John xii. 16.

35. Where did they come nigh?

Where is Jericho?

Ans. Near the river Jordan, northeast of Jerusalem.

Who sat by the wayside?

36. What did the blind man ask?

37. What did they tell him?

Why was Jesus called "Jesus of Nazareth"?

Ans. His early life was spent at Nazareth, and Mary still lived there. St. Matt. ii. 23.

Where is Nazareth?

Ans. In Galilee.

38. What did the blind man cry?

Why did he call Jesus the "Son of David"?

Ans. He was descended from David. St. Matt. i. 1.

Is not going to Jesus and asking for mercy the only way of obtaining it?

Ans. Yes; for He is our only Saviour. Acts iv. 12.

What was the blind man's name?

Ans. Bartimeus. St. Mark x. 46.

39. What is said of those who went before?

What did Bartimeus do?

What did his crying "so much the more" show?

Ans. His faith in the power of Jesus to give him sight, which he so greatly wished.

What has Jesus taught about faith in prayer?

Ans. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." St. Mark xi. 24.

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Is not our Saviour always willing to receive those who come to Him?

Ans. Jesus has said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." St. John vi. 37.

Is He not able to save those who come to Him?

Ans. "He is able also to save them to the *uttermost* that come unto God by Him." Heb. vii. 25.

40. What did Jesus command?

41. What did our Lord ask him?

What did the blind man ask Jesus?

42. What did Jesus say?

How had his faith saved him?

Ans. Jesus seeing his faith, was willing to save him.

Will faith in Jesus save us?

Ans. "*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be *saved*." Acts xvi. 31.

43. What immediately took place?

How are those without the gospel like this blind man?

Ans. They are in darkness, and do not see the way to Heaven.

Who is the light of the world?

Ans. "Then spake Jesus . . . . saying, I am the light of the world." St. John viii. 12.

How can we obtain light?

Ans. Jesus has said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." St. John viii. 12.

What did the blind man do?

Should we not follow Jesus to show our thankfulness for all He has done for us?

How are we to follow Him?

Ans. We should try to be like Him and walk in all His ways of love and holiness.

What is said of the people?

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LESSON XLVI.

The Parable of the Marriage Feast.

St. Matt. xxii. 1–14.

1st Verse. How did Jesus speak to them?

2. To what did He liken the "kingdom of heaven'?

Who is meant by the "king"?

Ans. God.

What by the "marriage of his son"?

Ans. The rich blessings offered to us through Jesus Christ, as He is said to be married to the Church.

3. What did the king do?

Who are meant by the "servants"?

Ans. Especially, the ministers of God; but also His providences, which teach us and guide us in the way to Heaven.

Why did he send them?

Are you not bidden every Sunday to come and partake of the blessings of the gospel?

Ans. Yes; both at Sunday-school and at Church.

Were they willing to come?

4. What did he again do?

Have you not been invited more than once to partake of salvation through Jesus?

What pledge have we that "all things are ready" for our salvation?

Ans. Jesus has died to save us.

5. How did those who were bidden treat the second message?

How do we *make light* of the message of God in His gospel?

Ans. By not accepting His salvation.

Where did they go?

Do not the cares of this world often lead us to neglect the things of another?

What has Jesus taught us to do?

Ans. "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." St. Matt. vi. 33.

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6. What did the rest do?

Were not the Apostles treated in this way?

Ans. They were persecuted, imprisoned, and slain. Acts xii. 2, 3, 5.

7. How did the king feel when he heard in what manner his servants were treated?

What is stated in St. John iii. 36?

Ans. "He that believeth not the Son, shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

What did the king do?

What will become of those who will not believe in Jesus?

Ans. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment." St. Matt. xxv. 46.

8. What did the king say?

Why were they not *worthy*?

Ans. Because they would not come to the wedding, and treated the king's servants so cruelly.

How can we be *worthy* of everlasting life?

Ans. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." St. John iii. 36.

9. What did the king tell the servants to do?

10. What did the servants do?

Did these come to the wedding?

Does not this show the freeness of the grace of God?

What invitation is in Rev. xxii. 17?

Ans. "Let him that is athirst come; and *whosoever* will, let him take the water of life freely."

How are we saved?

Ans. "By grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Eph. v. 8.

11. When the king came in, what did he see?

What is meant by the "*wedding garment*"?

Ans. Garment of righteousness.

Will *our* righteousness be sufficient?

Ans. "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isa. lxiv. 6.

Through whom do we have this righteousness?

Ans. Through Jesus, who is "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jer. xxiii. 6.

12. What did the king say to him?

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Had he any excuse?

Shall we have any excuse to make for not having on the garment of righteousness?

13. What did the king say?

What is this "outer darkness"?

Ans. The thick darkness which is where God is not, outside of Heaven.

Ought we not to do everything to escape this dreadful doom?

What can we do?

Ans. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts xvi. 31.

What promise have those who come to Jesus?

Ans. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." St. John vi. 37.

14. What is said in this verse?

Are you not *called;* will you not seek to be among the chosen?

What promise is given to those who seek?

Ans. "Seek, and ye shall find." St. Matt. vii. 7.

LESSON XLVII.

Christ's Second Coming.

St. Matt. xxv. 31–33.

31st Verse. WHAT is said in this verse?

Who is meant by the "Son of man"?

Ans. Jesus Christ.

Why does He call Himself the Son of man?

Ans. Because He "was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (St. John i. 14); and was the son of Mary.

Describe His coming.

Ans. "Then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." St. Luke xxi. 27.

Shall we see Him?

Ans. Yes; "every eye shall see Him." Rev. i. 7.

Will all be glad to see Him?

Ans. No; some will call upon the rocks to cover them from the wrath of the Lamb. Rev. vi. 15, 16.

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Will some be very glad?

Ans. Yes; those who look for His coming. Phil. iii. 20.

Do we know when Christ will come?

Ans. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of Heaven, but my Father only." St. Matt. xxiv. 36.

How will men be employed when Christ comes?

Ans. As they are now. St. Matt. xxiv. 37–39.

Then what ought we to do?

Ans. Watch, and be always ready. St. Matt. xxiv. 42, 44.

What is said of those who watch?

Ans. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing." St. Matt. xxiv. 46.

What of those who do not watch?

Ans. The Lord "will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers." St. Luke xii. 46.

Who will come with Christ?

For what purpose will they come?

Ans. They shall separate the wicked and the good. St. Matt. xiii. 41; St. Mark xiii. 27.

What will happen on that day?

Ans. "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burned up." 2 St. Peter iii. 10.

When does our Church teach the coming of Christ?

Ans. At the season of Advent.

What is the meaning of Advent?

Ans. Coming.

Of what is the season of Advent the beginning?

Ans. The ecclesiastical or Church year.

How many Sundays are in Advent?

Ans. Four.

What past event does our Church commemorate at this season? See Collect for the first Sunday in Advent.

In what do these two comings of Jesus differ?

Ans. His first coming was to save us from sin; His second will be as our king and our judge.

How ought we to act in regard to these comings of Jesus?

Ans. We ought to love, honor, and trust Him, trying to serve Him continually.

32. Who shall be gathered before Christ?

How can they be gathered before Him?

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Ans. "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth." St. John v. 28, 29.

Repeat the part of the Creed which refers to this coming of Christ.

What will Jesus Christ do?

Why will He separate them?

Ans. Because the good and the bad are not to live together. See ver. 46.

Who are meant by the "sheep"?

Ans. The good.

Are the sheep safe?

Ans. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." St. John x. 27, 28.

53. What will He do with the sheep?

What does placing the sheep on the "right hand" signify?

Ans. That they are honored and loved by Him. See ver. 34.

What will He do with the goats?

Why will He place them on the left hand?

Ans. Because they are rejected, and are to be sent away from Him. See ver. 41.

Which side do you wish to be on?

What must you do to be on the right hand?

Ans. I must love and obey God, and trust in Him with all my heart.

What has Christ declared in St. John iii. 18?

Ans. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already."

Is it God's will and pleasure that any should be lost?

Ans. "God so *loved* the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John iii. 16.

Has not God done all He can for us?

Then what is wanting?

Ans. Our willingness to believe that He is willing to save us. St. John v. 40.

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LESSON XLVIII.

Christ's Second Coming — Continued.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
What will the King do with the nations before Him?

St. Matt. xxv. 34–40.

34th Verse. WHAT shall the King say to those on the right hand?

Will there be many there?

Ans. St. John saw a vision of the righteous, and he described it in this way: "I beheld, and, lo, a *great multitude*, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Rev. vii. 9.

Why will He call them "blessed of my Father"?

Ans. Because they obeyed His commands.

What is meant by the kingdom?

Ans. Everlasting life.

What has Jesus said of that kingdom?

Ans. That there are many mansions there. St. John xiv. 2.

What is said of those things that are prepared for those who love Him?

Ans. That "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. ii. 9.

How can we obtain such blessings?

Ans. Jesus says, "He that *believeth* on me *hath* everlasting life." St. John vi. 47.

What is meant by "the kingdom being prepared from the foundation of the world"?

Ans. God has known from the beginning who would inherit Heaven. 1 St. Peter i. 2.

35, 36. What else will He say?

What does it mean by "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat"? etc., etc.

Ans. What we do for the poor and afflicted from love of our Lord, is the same as if it was done for Him.

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What is said in Gal. vi. 10?

Ans. "Let us do good unto all men."

What is promised to those who do good to the poor?

Ans. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble." Psa. xli. 1.

How ought we to give?

Ans. Cheerfully; "for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. ix. 7.

What has Jesus said of our denying ourselves?

Ans. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it." St. Matt. xvi. 24, 25.

37, 38, 39. What will the righteous say?

How has Jesus said we must feel, when we have done that which is required of us?

Ans. "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do." St. Luke xvii. 10.

What promise have those who humble themselves?

Ans. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." St. Matt. v. 3.

40. What will the king answer?

What is meant by "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"?

Ans. That when we give anything away for the love of Christ, we give it to Him.

If we give to the Church, or to the poor, with any other motive than the love of Christ, will our gifts be accepted?

Ans. They will not.

If we continue in sin, and yet give alms, do you suppose we shall be on the *right hand?*

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LESSON XLIX.

Christ's Second Coming—Continued.

What is the subject of the last two lessons?
What will the King do with the nations before him? Ver. 32.
What will Jesus say to those on the right hand? Verses 34–36 40.

St. Matt. xxv. 41–46.

41st Verse. WHAT will the King say to those "on the left hand"?

Why will He say depart?
Ans. Because they have lived a life of disobedience.
What will be ours, if we live a life of obedience and self-denial?
Ans. The blessing of God, and a place at His right hand.
Will there be any time after death to save ourselves?
Do we know when we shall die?
Then ought we not to go to Jesus now, and not put it off?
What did Jesus declare while here?
Ans. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." St. John vi. 37.
Is Jesus as willing to save us to-day as He was while He was on earth?
Ans. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." Heb. xiii. 8.

Whom are the wicked to dwell with?

What is the character of the devil?
Ans. He is treacherous, false, and malicious, and altogether wicked.
Is he not always trying to lead us into sin?
Ans. "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 St. Peter v. 8.
What are we to do?
Ans. To resist him by watchfulness and prayer.

42, 43. What farther will Jesus say?

What will He mean by that?
Ans. He will mean that they never had denied themselves for His sake.
If they had done anything for Him, in what spirit had they done it?
Ans. To be seen of men rather than for the love of Christ.
Will God accept such gifts?
What is said of those who will not help the poor?
Ans. That the love of God does not dwell in them. 1 St. John iii. 17.

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What promise is given to those who are kind and merciful to the suffering and the poor?

Ans. "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." St. Matt. v. 7.

What has Jesus said of giving?

Ans. "It is more blessed to *give* than to receive." Acts. xx. 35.

What example have we of giving, in the Bible?

Ans. Zaccheus, who gave half of his goods to the poor. St. Luke xix. 8.

44. What shall the wicked answer?

Had they not seen Jesus "an hungered or athirst," etc., etc., when they had been unwilling to help the poor?

What spirit will they show?

Ans. A proud, boastful, selfish spirit.

What are we told to do?

Ans. To humble ourselves before God. St. James iv. 10.

How does this answer differ from the one the righteous will give?

Ans. The righteous will feel that they have not done anything for Christ, though they have done much; the wicked will boast when they have done nothing. Compare verses 37–39 with 44.

What is said of the proud?

Ans. God turns away from the proud.

45. How will Jesus answer them?

46. What else did Jesus say?

What is "life eternal"?

Ans. The blessedness of Heaven; a life forever with God.

Who are those who have eternal punishment?

Ans. "The *fearful* and *unbelieving*," as well as the disobedient. Rev. xxi. 8.

Who are those who have life eternal?

Ans. Those who trust in our Saviour Jesus Christ, and are continually *seeking* to love and please God, by keeping His commands.

Who gives us this eternal life?

Ans. "The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. vi. 23.

What is said of this life?

Ans. "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Rev. xxi. 4.

What farther is said?

Ans. "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. xxii. 5.

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LESSON L.

Mary anoints the Saviour.

St. John xii. 1–11.

1st Verse. WHERE did Jesus come?

Where was Bethany?

Ans. About two miles east of Jerusalem.

Who lived in Bethany?

Can you give any account of Lazarus being raised from the dead? See chapter xi.

2. What did they do?

Who served?

Who was Martha?

Ans. The sister of Lazarus.

How had Jesus warned Martha at another time?

Ans. Jesus had said to her when she asked for her sister to come and help her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things." St. Luke x. 38–41.

What has Jesus taught about the cares of this life?

Ans. Not to be anxious about them and let them trouble us, but to trust in God and He will take care of us. St. Matt. vi. 25–34.

In whose house was Jesus?

Ans. "In the house of Simon the leper." St. Matt. xxvi. 6.

Who sat at table with our Lord?

3. Who is spoken of in this verse?

What had Jesus said of her?

Ans. That she had "chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." St. Luke x. 42.

Why did He say this of her?

Ans. Because she "sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word." St. Luke x. 39.

What did Mary do?

In what did Mary bring the ointment?

Ans. In an alabaster box. St. Matt. xxvi. 7.

What is spikenard?

Ans. A precious ointment made from a sweet-smelling plant.

What did Mary do with it?

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What was Jesus doing at the time?

Ans. "He sat at meat." St. Matt. xxvi. 7.

Then how could Mary pour the ointment on Jesus' feet?

Ans. The Jews lay at meals upon couches, and the feet were easy of access.

Where else did Mary pour the ointment?

Ans. She poured it on Jesus' head. St. Matt. xxvi. 7.

Why did she do this?

Ans. Because she loved Jesus.

4, 5. What did one of the disciples say?

6. Did Judas really wish to have the money given to the poor?

Of what sin was Judas guilty?

Ans. Covetousness.

7. What did Jesus answer?

What else did Jesus say of Mary?

Ans. "Why trouble ye the woman? she hath wrought a good work upon me." St. Matt. xxvi. 10.

What made it acceptable to Jesus?

Ans. He saw that the deed came from the heart and she had done "what she could" to honor Him. St. Mark xiv. 8.

How can you honor Christ?

Ans. By accepting Him as my Saviour, and earnestly keeping His commandments.

8. What farther did Jesus say?

What is added by St. Mark?

Ans. "For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good." St. Mark xiv. 7.

What more did Jesus say?

Ans. "Verily, I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." St. Matt. xxvi. 13.

What is meant by "this gospel"?

Ans. The good tidings which God has given us of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ.

How many of the Evangelists have recorded it?

Ans. Three; St. Matthew, St. Mark, and St. John.

9. What is said in this verse?

10. What did the chief priests do?

11. Why did they wish also to put Lazarus to death?

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LESSON LI.

Christ's Entrance into Jerusalem.

St. Mark xi. 1–11.

1st Verse. To what city did they draw near?

On which side of Jerusalem is the mount of Olives?

Ans. On the east side. Zech. xiv. 4.

What did Jesus do?

2. Where did He tell the disciples to go?

What did Jesus tell them to do?

3. What further direction did our Lord give?

What did Jesus say they would find with the colt?

Ans. "Ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her." St. Matt. xxi. 2.

Why did He do this?

Ans. "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass." St. Matt. xxi. 4, 5.

Where is this prophecy?

Ans. In Zechariah, ninth chapter, ninth verse.

Is Jesus Christ a King?

Ans. The "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." But Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Rev. xix. 16; St. John xviii. 36.

4. Did the disciples find the colt?

What did they do?

5. What did they that stood there ask?

Who were they?

Ans. The owners of the colt. St. Luke xix. 33.

6. What did the disciples reply?

What had Jesus commanded? Ver. 3.

Were the owners willing to let the colt go?

7. Did the disciples bring the colt to Jesus?

What did Jesus do?

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8. What did the people do?

What was done by others?

From what trees were the branches cut?

Ans. Palm-trees. St. John xii. 13.

Why did they do this?

Ans. To show their veneration and homage.

9. What did they cry?

What is the meaning of "Hosanna"?

Ans. It is a form of blessing or wishing well, and means, "Save I beseech thee."

Where are these words that they cried?

Ans. One hundred and eighteenth Psalm, twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth verses.

10. What else did they cry?

Who found fault with the multitude?

Ans. "Some of the Pharisees from among the multitude, said unto Him (Jesus), Master, rebuke thy disciples" or followers. St. Luke xix. 39.

What was Jesus' reply?

Ans. "I tell you, that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." St. Luke xix. 40.

11. Where did Jesus go?

When Jesus came near the city what did He do?

Ans. "When He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it." St. Luke xix. 41.

Why did He weep?

Ans. It was the Holy City, and He loved it, and was grieved that they rejected Him, because He saw the suffering and ruin that were to come upon Jerusalem.

Do you not think that Jesus is sorry if children do not seek Him as their Saviour?

Ans. Yes; for He loves them, and while here He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." "And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them." St. Mark x. 14, 16.

Where else did Jesus go?

What did He do in the temple?

Ans. He "cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought." St. Luke xix. 45.

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What did they sell there?

Ans. The various animals needed for sacrifice.

Why should they not have sold in the temple?

Ans. Jesus said unto them, "It is written, My house is the house of prayer." St. Luke xix. 46.

Who was in the temple?

Ans. "The Lord is in His holy temple." Hab. ii. 20.

How ought we to regard our churches?

Ans. As sacred to the worship of God, and reverence them as such.

Who praised Jesus in the temple?

Ans. "The children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David." St. Matt. xxi. 15.

When evening was come, where did Jesus go with His disciples?

What family dwelt at Bethany that Jesus knew?

Ans. The family of Lazarus. St. John xi. 1.

What honor can you pay Christ that will please Him more than crying Hosanna?

Ans. Accepting Him as *my* Saviour.

What Sunday is sometimes called Palm Sunday?

Ans. The Sunday before Easter.

LESSON LII.

Conspiracy of the High Priests — Judas seeking to betray Jesus.

St. Matt. xxvi. 1–5; 14–16.

1st and 2d Verses. WHAT did Jesus say to His disciples?

Whom did He mean by the Son of man?

Ans. Himself.

Who betrayed him?

Ans. Judas, one of His disciples.

3. Who then assembled?

Of what were these priests, scribes, and elders members?

Ans. The Jewish Sanhedrim, the great council of the nation.

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Where did they assemble?

4. About what did they consult?

Why did they wish to kill Jesus?

Ans. He spoke against their teachings, and they were afraid He would draw the people from them.

What is meant by "subtlety"?

Ans. Artfulness, deceit.

Did they take Jesus in this way?

Ans. They came *by night* to a garden where He was accustomed to be, and took Him. St. John xviii. 1–5, 13.

5. What did they say?

What i meant by the "feast day"?

Ans. The feast of the Passover.

Were there many people at Jerusalem at this time?

Ans. Yes; they came from all parts of the country to keep the Passover. St. John xii. 12.

What had the people just done? See last lesson.

14. Who is mentioned in this verse?

What was the character of Judas?

Ans. He loved money, and was treacherous, and a thief. St. Matt. xxvi. 48, 49; St. John xii. 4–6.

To whom did he go?

15. What did he say to the chief priests?

Deliver whom?

Ans. Jesus Christ.

What did the chief priests do?

What does it mean by "they covenanted with him"?

Ans. They agreed with him that if he would deliver Jesus into their hands they would give him thirty pieces of silver.

How much was this sum?

Ans. Fifteen dollars, each piece being fifty cents.

16. From that time what did Judas do?

What is it to betray?

Ans. To give up by treachery or break a trust.

Who does St. Luke say led Judas to this crime?

Ans. Satan. St. Luke xxii. 3.

What lesson does this teach us?

Ans. That if we listen to Satan we shall be led into great sin.

What does God tell us in the Bible to do?

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Ans. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." St. James iv. 7.

What has Jesus told us to do?

Ans. "Watch, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." St. Matt. xxvi. 41.

How has Jesus taught us to pray?

Ans. "Lead us not into temptation." St. Matt. vi. 13.

What was Judas' great sin?

Ans. His love of money, which led him to covet it.

What is said of such in the Bible?

Ans. They who covet money have many sorrows. 1 Tim. vi. 10.

Was it not so with Judas?

Ans. Yes; he felt such remorse and despair that he hung himself. St. Matt. xxvii. 3–5.

What is the commandment?

Ans. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor *anything* that is thy neighbor's." Ex. xx. 17.

What does the Bible say is the reverse of covetousness?

Ans. To "be content with such things as ye have." Heb. xiii. 5.

LESSON LIII.

Christ partakes of the Passover.

St. Matt. xxvi. 17–25.

17th Verse. WHAT time is mentioned here?

What is the "feast of unleavened bread"?

Ans. The Passover.

At what time of the year did it take place?

Ans. In the spring.

What were the Jews to remember at this feast?

Ans. God's saving them, by passing over them when He destroyed the first-born of the Egyptians. Ex. xii. 12–14.

What was slain at the Passover?

Ans. A lamb.

Who was represented by the lamb?

Ans. Jesus, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." St. John i. 29.

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Why were the Israelites saved?

Ans. Because they did as God told them to, by putting the blood of the lamb on their door-posts. Ex. xii. 7, 13.

Does not the blood of Jesus save us?

Ans. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 St. John i. 7.

What must we do to be saved?

Ans. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts xvi. 31.

What did the disciples ask?

18. Where did Jesus tell them to go?

What city?

Ans. Jerusalem.

Whom did Jesus say they would meet?

Ans. "He said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water: follow him into the house where he entereth in." St. Luke xxii. 10.

What did He tell His disciples to say to the man?

What time did our Saviour mean was at hand?

Ans. The time of His death. St. John xiii. 1.

19. Did the disciples do as He bade them?

20. In the evening what did Jesus do?

21. What did our Lord tell them?

22. How did the disciples feel when He told them this?

What did they ask?

23. What did Jesus answer?

24. What more did our Lord say?

What did He mean by His going "as it is written of Him"?

Ans. That the things foretold of Him by the prophets should take place.

Can you mention any of the passages in which the death of Christ was foretold?

Ans. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities." "They pierced my hands and my feet." Isa. liii. 5; Psa. xxii. 16.

What did Jesus say of the man who should betray Him?

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25. What did Judas ask?

What had Judas done before this? Verses 14–16.

What then took place?

Ans. Satan entered into Judas, and he went out: and it was night. St. John xiii. 27, 30.

Are we not all liable to be tempted to sin by Satan?

Ans. Yes; for the Bible says, "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 St. Peter v. 8.

What ought we to do when we are tempted?

Ans. Resist him and pray to God to "deliver us from evil." St. Matt. vi. 13.

LESSON LIV.

Institution of the Lord's Supper.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

Who had just gone out?

St. Matt. xxvi. 26–35.

26th Verse. WHAT did Jesus do?

How does St. Luke say He blessed the bread?

Ans. "He took bread, and gave thanks." St. Luke xxii. 19.

What were they celebrating? Ver. 19.

What did our Lord say, as He gave the bread?

What more did He say of His body?

Ans. "This is my body, which is given for you." St. Luke xxii. 19.

How did Jesus give His body for us?

Ans. He died on the cross to save us.

What did He command His disciples to do?

Ans. "This do in remembrance of me." St. Luke xxii. 19.

27. What did our Saviour do with the cup?

28. What did He say?

What is meant by the "new testament"?

Ans. The new covenant in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What is meant by "many"?

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Ans. All those who truly seek and trust the Saviour.

Can sinners be saved in any other way than by Jesus?

Ans. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts iv. 12.

Why was the sacrament of the Lord's supper ordained?

Ans. "For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby."

What is required of those who come to the Lord's supper?

Ans. To believe in Jesus as their Saviour, and to truly repent of their sins.

What is it to believe in Jesus?

29. What farther did Jesus say?

Will those who love and trust Jesus be with Him in Heaven?

Ans. Yes; for He says, "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . . I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." St. John xiv. 2, 3.

30. How was the supper ended?

What did they sing?

Ans. Psalms one hundred fifteenth, one hundred sixteenth, one hundred seventeenth, and one hundred eighteenth.

Where did Christ and the Apostles go?

Where is the Mount of Olives?

Ans. It is east of Jerusalem. Zech. xiv. 4.

How far is it from Jerusalem?

Ans. "A Sabbath-day's journey" (Acts i. 12), which is about a mile.

31. What did Jesus tell them?

Where is this written?

Ans. In Zechariah, thirteenth chapter, seventh verse.

Did it take place?

Ans. When Jesus was taken, "then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled." Ver. 56.

32. What did Jesus tell them of Himself?

Did He do this?

Ans. Yes; He appeared to them after His resurrection, on the coast of the Sea of Galilee, while they were fishing. St. John xxi. 1–6.

33. Was Peter confident that he would not be offended because of Jesus?

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34. What did Jesus answer?

Did Peter deny His Lord? Verses 69–75.

35. Did Peter still say he would not deny Jesus?

Ought he to have trusted in himself as he did?

Ans. No; for Jesus says, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me . . . . for without me ye can do nothing." St. John xv. 4, 5.

Whom ought we to trust to keep us from falling?

Ans. Jesus says, "Abide in me, and I in you. . . . . He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." St. John xv. 4, 5.

How does Jesus teach us to pray?

Ans. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." St. Matt. vi. 13.

Did all the disciples give the same promise as Peter?

LESSON LV.

The Garden of Gethsemane.

St. Matt. xxvi. 36–56.

36th Verse. To what place did Jesus and His disciples come?

What was Gethsemane?

Ans. A garden east of Jerusalem. St. John xviii. 1.

Had Jesus been there before?

Ans. "Jesus oft-times resorted thither with His disciples." St. John xviii. 2.

What did our Lord say to His disciples?

37. Whom did Jesus take with Him?

Who were the two sons of Zebedee?

Ans. James and John. St. Matt. x. 2.

How did our Saviour feel at that time?

Why was He "*sorrowful and very heavy*"?

Ans. Because He was bearing the sins of the whole world. Isa. liii. 4.

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38. What did He say to His disciples?

What did Jesus ask the three disciples to do?

39. What did our Lord do?

What were the words of His prayer?

What did Jesus mean by the cup passing from Him?

Ans. The terrible cup of suffering which the sins of the whole world had brought upon Him.

What did His saying "nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt," show?

Ans. His perfect willingness to suffer and die, that we might have everlasting life.

How was our Saviour's agony seen to be very great?

Ans. "Being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." St. Luke xxii. 44.

How did the Father answer the prayer of Jesus?

Ans. "There appeared an angel unto Him from Heaven, strengthening Him." St. Luke xxii. 43.

What does this teach us?

Ans. That whensoever we are troubled and pray earnestly to God, He will send an angel to help us. Heb. i. 14.

40. How did Jesus find His disciples?

What did He say to Peter?

41. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?

Why did our Lord bid them to watch and pray?

How should we *watch* against temptation?

Ans. By guarding against it, and by turning in thought, word, and deed against sin.

Why should we *pray* to be kept from temptation?

Ans. Without the help of God, we are always yielding to temptation, and sinning against Him.

What excuse did Jesus make for them?

Remembering this, what should we do?

Ans. Jesus says: "Abide in me, and I in you; . . . . for without me ye can do nothing." St. John xv. 4, 5.

How may we do this?

Ans. By trusting Him, to help us to do right.

42. What did our Saviour do a second time?

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43. How did He find His disciples a second time?

44. What did He a third time?

What were the words? See ver. 42.

What do we learn from Jesus' earnestness in prayer?

Ans. That we also should pray earnestly.

45. What did He say to His disciples now?

What did He say of Himself?

46. Who did our Lord say was at hand?

47. While Jesus yet spake who came?

What had they besides swords and staves?

Ans. Lanterns and torches. St. John xviii. 3.

What did Jesus ask the multitude?

Ans. "Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye"? St. John xviii. 4.

What did they answer?

Ans. "They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth." St. John xviii. 5.

What did He tell them?

Ans. "Jesus saith unto them, I am He." St. John xviii. 5.

What effect did His saying this have on them?

Ans. "As soon then as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward and fell to the ground." St. John xviii. 6.

What effect will His presence have on His enemies at the last day?

Ans. They will "hide themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains"; and say "to the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." Rev. vi. 15, 16.

What did He request in regard to His disciples?

Ans. "If therefore ye seek me, let these go their way." St. John xviii. 8.

Does Jesus take care of His followers?

Ans. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." St. John x. 27, 28.

48. What sign had Judas given?

49. What did he do?

50. What did Jesus say to him?

Why did Jesus call Judas *friend*?

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Ans. Because he was one of His disciples. St. Matt. x. 2, 4.

What else did He say to Judas?

Ans. "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss"? St. Luke xxii. 48.

What did the multitude do?

51. What did one of the disciples do?

Which of the disciples was this?

Ans. Peter. St. John xviii. 10.

What did Jesus do to the servant's ear?

Ans. "And He touched his ear, and healed him." St. Luke xxii. 51.

52. What did Jesus say to Peter?

53. What else did He say to him?

54. Why did not our Saviour pray to be delivered by angels?

55. What did Jesus say to the multitude?

56. Why was all this done?

What prophets foretold the sufferings of Christ?

Ans. Moses (Gen. iii. 15), David (in the Psalms), Isaiah (Is. liii), Daniel (Dan. ix. 24–26), and others.

What did all the disciples do?

What had they said a little while before? See ver. 35.

What prophecy was fulfilled?

Ans. "Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." Zech. xiii. 7.

LESSON LVI.

Christ before Caiaphas the High Priest.

Where did we leave Jesus in the last lesson?

St. Matt. xxvi. 57–68.

57th Verse. WHERE did they lead Jesus?

Who was with the high priest?

58. Who followed afar off?

Did any other disciples follow Jesus at this time?

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Ans. Yes, St. John, who went into the palace of the high priest; also another young man. St. John xviii. 15; St. Mark xiv. 51

59. Who sought false witness against Jesus?

What is false witness?

Ans. A statement that is not true.

Repeat the ninth commandment.

Ans. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Ex. xx. 16.

What did Caiaphas ask Jesus?

Ans. "The high priest then asked Jesus of His disciples, and of His doctrine." St. John xviii. 19.

What did Jesus answer?

Ans. "Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world: I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort: and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? Ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said." St. John xviii. 20, 21.

What was then done?

Ans. "And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?" St. John xviii. 22.

What did they wish to have done with Jesus?

60. Did they find any false witness?

What was the Jewish law respecting witnesses?

Ans. That none should be condemned to death without two witnesses. Deut. xix. 15.

Why could they not find any false witness?

Ans. "Many bare false witness against Him, but their witness agreed not together." St. Mark xiv. 56.

Who at last came?

61. What did they testify?

Upon what saying of Christ's did they found this accusation?

Ans. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." St. John ii. 19.

Of what had He spoken?

Ans. "He spake of the temple of His body." St. John ii. 21.

Did their witness agree?

Ans. "But neither so did their witness agree together." St. Mark xiv. 59.

62. What did the high priest ask?

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63. Did Jesus answer?

What prophecy was thus fulfilled?

Ans. "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth." Isa. liii. 7.

What did Caiaphas the high priest say?

64. What did Jesus answer?

What did Jesus mean by "thou hast said"?

Ans. The same as if He had said, I am.

What did our Lord say they should see hereafter?

When will Jesus come in that way?

Ans. At the last day.

Shall we see Him?

Ans. "Every eye shall see Him." Rev. i. 7.

Why did He not tell them who He was?

Ans. "He said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe." St. Luke xxii. 67.

65. What did the high priest do and say?

Why did he rend his clothes?

Ans. He wished to show that he was shocked and grieved at what he called such blasphemy.

66. What did the high priest ask the council?

What did they answer?

What was the Jewish law concerning blasphemy?

Ans. "He that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death." Lev. xxiv. 16.

Had Jesus done so?

Ans. No; for He is the LORD.

67. What did they then do?

What does St. Peter say of Jesus?

Ans. "Who when He was reviled, reviled not again." 1 St. Peter ii. 23.

What has Jesus taught?

Ans. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." St. Matt. v. 44.

68. What did they say?

Why did they ask Jesus to tell who struck Him?

Ans. They had blindfolded Him, and wished to see if He knew who struck Him. St. Luke xxii. 64.

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LESSON LVII.

Peter's Denial — Death of Judas.

Where was Jesus when we finished the last lesson?
How was He treated? Verses 67, 68.
Where were Jesus' disciples? Ver. 56.

St. Matt. xxvi. 69–75; xxvii. 3–10.

69th Verse. WHAT is said of Peter here?
Whose palace was it?
Ans. The palace of Caiaphas the high priest. See ver. 57.
Who came to Peter?
What did she say?
Why was Jesus called "Jesus of Galilee"?
Ans. Galilee was where Jesus lived.
70. What did Peter do and say?
What then happened?
Ans. "The cock crew." St. Mark xiv. 68.
71. What did another say of Peter?
72. What did Peter do again?
What commandment of his Lord did Peter break?
Ans. Jesus said "Swear not at all." St. Matt. v. 34.
73. Who spoke to Peter next?
How often had Peter now denied his Lord?
What did they mean by "thy speech bewrayeth thee"?
Ans. They knew he was a Galilean because he spoke like one.
What person testified against him?
Ans. "One of the servants of the high priest (being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off) saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with Him"? St. John xviii. 26.
74. How did Peter deny for the third time?
Why did Peter deny Jesus, his Lord?
Ans. Because he was a coward, and feared that the people should know he was a disciple of Jesus.
Do you not deny your Lord when you do wrong instead of right from the fear of others laughing at you?
What immediately took place?

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75. What did Peter remember?

What does St. Luke add?

Ans. "The Lord turned, and looked upon Peter." St. Luke xxii. 61.

What did Peter do?

What had Peter said when Jesus told him he would deny Him? Ver. 35.

Can any one keep himself from sin without the help of God?

Ans. Jesus has said, "Abide in me, and I in you, ... for without me ye can do nothing." St. John xv. 4, 5.

Then ought we to trust in ourselves, as Peter did?

Will Christ acknowledge those who deny Him before men?

Ans. "Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven." St. Matt. x. 33.

In what way has the Church appointed that we should acknowledge Christ?

Ans. At Confirmation.

What blessing will those have who steadfastly confess Jesus?

Ans. "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven." St. Matt. x. 32.

Was Peter afterwards afraid of being known as a follower of Jesus?

Ans. No; he was foremost among the disciples. Acts ii. 14.

What made the difference between Peter frightened by the little maid and the same Peter boldly telling the Jewish rulers that they had killed their Christ?

Ans. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon him at Pentecost.

Can you not also have the same Holy Spirit to make you bold to resist evil, and to do good?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find." St. Luke xi. 9, 13.

What part of the New Testament did Peter write?

Ans. The first and second Epistles of St. Peter.

3. What did Judas do when he saw Jesus condemned?

What was the difference between Judas' repentance and Peter's?

Ans. Judas' repentance was only remorse; Peter's was true sorrow.

What did Judas do with the money?

What money?

Ans. That which the chief priests gave him for betraying Jesus. St. Matt. xxvi. 14, 15.

4. What did Judas say?

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What did the chief priests reply?

5. What did Judas do with the silver?

After that what did he do?

What is said of his death in Acts i. 25?

Ans. "Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

6. Who took the silver?

What did they say?

7. What did they buy with the silver?

What was the field to be used for?

8. What was the field called?

9, 10. What was fulfilled?

Where is this prophecy found?

Ans. In Zechariah, eleventh chapter, thirteenth verse.

What had our Lord said of the man who should betray Him?

Ans. "Woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born." St. Matt. xxvi. 24.

LESSON LVIII.

Christ before Pilate—Is condemned.

Where did we leave Jesus? St. Matt. xxvi. 57.

How was He treated? St. Matt. xxvi. 67, 68.

St. Matt. xxvii. 11–26.

11th Verse. BEFORE whom did Jesus stand?

Who was this governor? Ver. 2.

Was Pilate the Roman or Jewish governor?

Ans. The Roman governor.

Why did they take Jesus to Pilate?

Ans. Because it was not lawful for the Jews to put any man to death. St. John xviii. 31.

At what time of day, and in what state, was Jesus brought to Him? See verses 1, 2.

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What did Pilate ask Jesus?

Why did he ask this?

Ans. Because those who brought Jesus to Pilate accused Him of being king. St. Luke xxiii. 1, 2.

What did our Saviour answer?

How did He explain Himself to Pilate?

Ans. That He was king, but His kingdom was not of this world. St. John xviii. 36, 37.

12. Did Jesus answer when He was accused by the chief priests and elders?

13. What did Pilate ask?

What things did they witness against the Lord?

Ans. That He blasphemed, calling Himself "the Son of God." St. John xix. 7.

14. Did Jesus answer?

How was Pilate affected?

What did Pilate tell the people?

Ans. "Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man." St. Luke xxiii. 4.

What did the people do?

Ans. "They were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place." St. Luke xxiii. 5.

What did Pilate ask?

Ans. "When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean." St. Luke xxiii. 6.

What did the governor do?

Ans. "As soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself was also at Jerusalem at that time." St. Luke xxiii. 7.

How did Herod treat our Saviour?

Ans. "And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate." St. Luke xxiii. 11.

15. What was the custom at the feast of the Passover?

16. Whom had they in prison?

Why was Barabbas cast into prison?

Ans. "Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison." St. Luke xxiii. 19.

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17. What did Pilate ask?
18. What did he know?
19. What warning did Pilate receive?
20. What did the chief priests and elders persuade the people?
21. What did the governor ask?
    Whom did the people choose?
    How did Peter speak of this to the people afterwards?
    Ans. "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you." Acts iii. 14.
22. What did Pilate ask them?
    What did they answer?
23. What did the governor reply?
    How often had Pilate said this?
    Ans. "And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath He done." St. Luke xxiii. 22.
    What did Pilate propose, to gratify the people?
    Ans. "I will therefore chastise Him, and let Him go." St. Luke xxiii. 22.
    What did the people cry out the more?
24. What did Pilate see?
    What did he do and say?
    Was Pilate innocent of the blood of Jesus?
    Ans. "Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified." St. John xix. 16.
25. How did the people answer?
    What happened to the Jews soon after this?
    Ans. Jerusalem was destroyed, and those that escaped death were scattered among all nations.
26. Whom did Pilate release to them?
    What did he do with Jesus?
    Ought we not to accept and trust a Saviour who suffered so much for us?

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LESSON LIX.

Christ mocked by the Roman Soldiers, and led away to be crucified.

Who at last condemned Jesus to death? Ver. 26.
To whom did Pilate deliver Him?

St. Matt. xxvii. 27-34.

27th Verse. WHERE did the soldiers take Jesus?
Whom did they gather unto Jesus?
How many soldiers were in a Roman band?
Ans. An hundred.

28. How did they clothe Jesus? Read St. John xix. 2.
Who wore scarlet or purple robes, and why did they put one on Jesus?
Ans. Kings; they put one on Jesus to mock Him. Judges viii. 26.

29. What other mockeries did they use?
What did they mean by all this?
Ans. They meant to show their contempt for Him as a king.

30. How otherwise did they treat Him ill?

31. After they had mocked Him, what did they do?
Why did they lead Jesus away?

32. What took place on the way?
Who followed Jesus?
Ans. "And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him." St. Luke xxiii. 27.
Who else went with Him?
Ans. "And there were also two others, malefactors, led with Him to be put to death." St. Luke xxiii. 32.

33. To what place did they come?
What else is it called?
Ans. Calvary. St. Luke xxiii. 33.
Was Golgotha within the walls of Jerusalem?
Ans. No; for the Bible says Jesus "suffered without the gate." Heb. xiii. 11, 12.

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34. What did they give Jesus to drink?

Was this kind of drink usually given to those who were crucified, and why?

Ans. It was given to them to ease their pain.

Did Jesus drink it?

Why did not Jesus drink it?

Ans. Because He came to suffer death in all its bitterness for us.

LESSON LX.

The Crucifixion and Death of Christ.

In whose hands did we leave Jesus? Ver. 27.

Where did they lead Him? Ver. 33.

St. Matt. xxvii. 35–50.

35th Verse. WHAT did they do with Jesus?

What is the prophecy of Jesus being crucified?

Ans. "They pierced my hands and my feet." Psa. xxii. 16.

Who stood by the cross?

Ans. "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene," and also John, His disciple." St. John xix. 25, 26.

What did Jesus say to His mother?

Ans. "Woman, behold thy son!" St. John xix. 26.

What did He say to John?

Ans. "Behold thy mother." St. John xix. 27.

What did John do?

Ans. "And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home." St. John xix. 27.

What was done with His garments?

What was fulfilled?

Where is this prophecy?

Ans. In the twenty-second Psalm, eighteenth verse.

On what day of the week was Christ crucified?

Ans. On Friday. St. Mark xv. 42.

On what day does our Church commemorate the death of Jesus Christ our Lord?

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Ans. On Good Friday.

At what Jewish festival season was our Lord crucified?

Ans. At the festival of the Passover. St. John xix. 14.

What is the Passover?

Ans. When the Lord passed through Egypt and slew all the first-born of the Egyptians, the Israelites, by sprinkling the blood of a lamb on their door-posts, were passed over and saved. Ex. xii. 12–14.

Of what was it a type?

Ans. Of salvation, by the blood of Christ.

What is the week called in which Good Friday comes?

Ans. Passion week.

What is the meaning of *Passion*, and why applied to this week?

Ans. Suffering, and so called because it is the anniversary of Christ's sufferings.

36. What did the soldiers do?

37. What was set up over Jesus' head?

Who placed it there?

Ans. Pilate, the Roman governor. St. John xix. 19.

In what languages was it written?

Ans. "It was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin." St. John xix. 20.

What did the chief priests say to Pilate?

Ans. "Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that He said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written." St. John xix. 21, 22.

What was Jesus' prayer on the cross?

Ans. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." St. Luke xxiii. 34.

38. Who were crucified with our Saviour?

39. What did those do who passed by?

40. What did they say?

Could not Jesus have come down?

Why did He not?

Ans. Because He came to offer Himself a sacrifice for us, and had He come down, no one of us could be saved.

41. Who mocked Jesus besides the people?

42, 43. What did they say?

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44. What did the thieves do?

What does St. Luke say of this?

Ans. One of them "railed on Him;" the other asked Him, saying, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." St. Luke xxiii. 39–43.

What does this teach us?

Ans. How forgiving Jesus is to *all* those who put their trust in Him, whatever may have been their past life.

45. What now took place?

At what hour of our time did this take place?

Ans. At noon, and lasted till three o'clock in the afternoon.

What makes it very striking that it should have happened at noon?

Ans. Because the sun was at its highest, and it was the brightest part of the day.

46. What did Jesus do about the ninth hour?

47. What did some think?

What did Jesus say about this time?

Ans. "After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst." St. John xix. 28.

What Scripture was fulfilled?

Ans. "And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." Psa. lxix. 21.

48. What did one of them do?

49. What did the rest say?

50. What is related in this verse?

What words did our Saviour use?

Ans. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." "It is finished." St. Luke xxiii. 46; St. John xix. 30.

How ought we to feel when we read of so much suffering endured for us by such a Saviour?

Ans. That sin is a deep and monstrous evil, to require such a sacrifice to atone for it; and that we should love Him with all our hearts who has done so much for us.

How can we show our love for Jesus?

Ans. Jesus says, "He that hath my commandments and *keepeth* them, he it is that *loveth* me." St. John xiv. 21.

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LESSON LXI.

The Burial of Christ.

What took place in the last lesson?

St. Matt. xxvii. 51–66.

51st Verse. WHAT took place at the death of Christ, in the temple?

What else took place?

52. What miraculous event is told in this verse?

53. When did the saints come out of their graves?

Where did they go?

What city is called the "Holy city"?

Ans. Jerusalem. Neh. xi. 1.

54. Who believed on Jesus?

What was a centurion?

Ans. Captain of an hundred soldiers.

Who were those who watched Jesus?

Ans. The soldiers. Verses 35, 36.

What did they say?

How did the people feel when they saw these things?

Ans. "And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned." St. Luke xxiii. 48.

55, 56. Who else saw the death of Jesus?

What does St. Luke relate of Mary Magdalene?

Ans. "And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils." St. Luke viii. 2.

Who were the sons of Zebedee?

Ans. James and John. St. Matt. x. 2.

What next took place?

Ans. "Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him." St. John xix. 32.

Did they break Jesus' legs?

Ans. "When they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already they brake not His legs." St. John xix. 33.

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Why did they break the legs of the thieves?

Ans. That they might die, and be taken away; for the next day was the preparation, and the Sabbath. St. John xix. 31.

What prophecy was fulfilled in not breaking the legs of Jesus?

Ans. "A bone of Him shall not be broken." St. John xix. 36; Psa. xxxiv. 20.

What did one of the soldiers do?

Ans. "One of the soldiers with a spear pierced His (Jesus') side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water." St. John xix. 34.

What prophecy was fulfilled in this?

Ans. "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced." Zech. xii. 10.

57. What happened the evening of Jesus' death?

58. What did Joseph ask of Pilate?

Did Pilate grant his request?

Who came with Joseph?

Ans. "And there came also Nicodemus." St. John xix. 39.

59. What did Joseph do?

What besides this did they do?

Ans. They brought spices and put about Jesus with the linen clothes. St. John xix. 40.

60. Where did they lay Jesus?

Where was this "new tomb"?

Ans. In a garden. St. John xix. 41.

61. Who were there?

62. Who came to Pilate the next day?

63. What did the chief priests and Pharisees say?

When had Jesus said this?

Ans. A little time before His death He said to His disciples, "The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him, and the third day He shall be raised again." St. Matt. xvii. 22, 23.

64. What did they wish Pilate to do?

Why did they wish to have it made sure?

65. What did Pilate answer?

66. What did they do to the sepulchre?

When does our Church commemorate our Saviour's burial and His being in the grave?

Ans. Easter eve.

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LESSON LXII.

The Resurrection of Christ.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
On what day of the week did Jesus die?
What was done to the sepulchre?

St. John xx. 1–18.

1st Verse. WHO came to the sepulchre?

On what day of the week was it?

Who came with Mary Magdalene?

Ans. "Mary the mother of James, and Salome." St. Mark xvi. 1.

Why did they come to the sepulchre?

Ans. They "bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him" (Jesus). St. Mark xvi. 1.

Why did they not anoint Jesus before?

Ans. They "rested the Sabbath-day, according to the commandment." St. Luke xxiii. 56.

What did Mary see?

Who had removed the stone?

Ans. "Behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." St. Matt. xxviii. 2.

What was the angel's appearance?

Ans. "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow." St. Matt. xxviii. 3.

What had been done to keep the sepulchre sure?

Ans. "They went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch." St. Matt. xxvii. 66.

How were the watch affected by seeing the angel?

Ans. "For fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men." St. Matt. xxviii. 4.

What did the angel say to the women?

Ans. "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen." St. Matt. xxviii. 5, 6.

What did the angel tell them to do?

Ans. "And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead." St. Matt. xxviii. 7.

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2. To whom did Mary go?
   Who was that other disciple?
   Ans. John.
   What did Mary say to Peter and John?
   Had any one taken Jesus away?
   Ans. No one; He had risen from the dead.
3. What did they do?
4. Which of them reached the sepulchre first?
5. What did John do?
6, 7. Did Peter go in?
   What did he see?
   By whom were the linen clothes put upon Jesus?
   Ans. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, "took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes." St. John xix. 38–40.
8. What did John do?
   Did he believe?
9. Did they understand the Scriptures?
   Where is the resurrection foretold in the Scriptures?
   Ans. In the sixteenth Psalm, tenth verse.
10. Where did the disciples go?
11. Who remained at the sepulchre?
12. Whom did she see in the sepulchre?
13. What did they say to her?
    What did she answer?
14. What then did Mary do?
    Whom did she see?
    Did Mary know Jesus?
15. What did Jesus ask Mary?
    Whom did Mary suppose Jesus to be?
    What did Mary reply?
16. What word did Jesus say?
    What did Mary do and say?
17. What did Jesus answer?
    Whom did Jesus mean by His Father and their Father?

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How can you become a child of God?

Ans. By taking Jesus for my Saviour, for "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that *believe* on His name." St. John i. 12.

18. What did Mary Magdalene do?

How did the chief priests and elders try to conceal the resurrection of Christ?

Ans. "They gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole Him away while we slept." St. Matt. xxviii. 12, 13.

When does our Church commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord?

Ans. At Easter.

What is the meaning of *Easter?*

Ans. Rising.

How do we determine the day on which Easter falls? See rules in the Introduction of the Prayer Book.

What Jewish festival corresponds to Easter?

Ans. The festival of the Passover.

How early did the Church keep the festival of Easter?

Ans. In the time of the Apostles.

Are we to rise from the dead?

Ans. Jesus has said, "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth." St. John v. 28, 29.

What shall we rise to?

Ans. The Bible says "they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." St. John v. 29.

How can we have part in the resurrection of *life?*

Ans. By loving and obeying Jesus, and trusting Him to give us that life; for He has said, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." St. John vi. 47.

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LESSON LXIII.

Christ and His Disciples going to Emmaus.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
Who had seen Jesus?

St. Luke xxiv. 13–35.

13th Verse. WHO were going to Emmaus the day Jesus rose?

Two of whom?

Ans. Two of Jesus' disciples.

How far was Emmaus from Jerusalem?

How many miles are threescore furlongs?

Ans. About seven miles and a half.

Who was one of these disciples? See ver. 18.

What does St. John tell us of the wife of Cleophas?

Ans. That she was the sister of Mary the mother of Jesus, and stood by His cross while He was crucified. St. John xix. 25.

14. What did they do?

What were "these things"?

Ans. The crucifixion of Jesus, and His resurrection, of which they had heard. Ver. 23.

15. Who drew near while they talked?

What did He do?

16. Did they know Jesus?

How is this related in St. Mark?

Ans. That Jesus "appeared in another form unto two of them" St. Mark xvi. 12.

17. What did Jesus ask them?

Why were the disciples sad?

Ans. Because Jesus their Lord had been crucified.

18. What did one of them say?

What had happened on "these days" that caused these things to be known?

Ans. "From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour." "And, behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom: and the earth did quake,

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and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept, arose." St. Matt. xxvii. 45, 51, 52.

19. What did Jesus ask?

What answer did they give?

How had our Lord been "*mighty* in deed"?

Ans. By raising the dead, healing the sick, and many other miracles which He did.

How had He been mighty in "word"?

Ans. By the wonderful things He had taught the people.

20. What farther did the disciples say?

21. How had the disciples been disappointed?

How did they expect Jesus would redeem Israel?

Ans. By delivering the Jews from the Romans, and being their earthly king. Acts i. 6.

What kind of redemption did Jesus come to bring?

Ans. Redemption from sin and its terrible consequences.

What did they say besides this?

What did they expect the third day?

Ans. That Jesus would rise the third day.

What reason had they to expect this?

Ans. Jesus had told them He was to rise the third day after His crucifixion. St. Luke xviii. 33.

22, 23. What besides this did they relate?

What women were these? Ver. 10.

What is said of this vision in verses 4–7?

24. Who did they say went to the sepulchre?

Whom did they mean by certain of them which were with them?

Ans. Saint Peter and Saint John. St. John xx. 2, 3.

25, 26. What did Jesus say to them?

27. What did our Lord do?

What were the Scriptures?

Ans. The Old Testament; the New was yet unwritten.

What did the prophets tell of Jesus?

Ans. Moses wrote that God said to Abraham, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Isaiah wrote, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Gen. xxii. 18; Isa. liii. 5. There are also many other prophecies told of Him.

28. Where did they draw near?

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What was the name of the village? Ver. 13.

What did Jesus do?

29. Did they invite Him into the house?

Did He tarry with them?

30. What did Jesus do as they sat at meat?

31. Did they know Him?

What happened?

32. What did the disciples say to one another?

33. What did they do?

Who were the eleven?

Ans. The Apostles.

Were the Apostles alone?

34. What did the Apostles say to the two disciples?

Who was Simon?

Ans. Simon Peter.

What does this show?

Ans. The pitying love of Jesus, that He should first show Himself to Peter who had denied Him.

35. What did the disciples tell?

What things had been done in the way? Ver. 27.

LESSON LXIV.

Jesus appears to His Apostles.

St. John xx. 19–23.

19th Verse. On what day of the week did Jesus rise?

Where did Jesus go that same evening?

Why were the doors shut?

Why had they reason to fear the Jews?

Ans. Because they were followers of Jesus, whom the Jews had just put to death. Read St. John xv. 20.

How did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus?

Ans. "They were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit." St. Luke xxiv. 37.

What did Jesus say?

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How can we have this peace which Jesus gives?

Ans. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is *stayed* on Thee: because he *trusteth* in Thee." Isa. xxvi. 3.

What else did Jesus say?

Ans. "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?" And He "upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen." St. Luke xxiv. 38; St. Mark xvi. 14.

20. What did our Lord show them?

What did He say?

Ans. "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see." St. Luke xxiv. 39.

How did the disciples feel?

What else did Jesus do to show them He was not a spirit?

Ans. "He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? and they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And He took it, and did eat before them." St. Luke xxiv. 41–43.

21. What did Jesus say to them?

Where did our Lord mean His disciples to go?

Ans. He said to them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." St. Mark xvi. 15.

What would result from their preaching?

Ans. "He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned." St. Mark xvi. 16.

When did the disciples begin to preach the gospel?

Ans. After the ascension of our Lord. Acts ii. 1–14.

Where were they to begin?

Ans. At Jerusalem. St. Luke xxiv. 47.

Is this commandment, to go into all the world and preach the gospel, given to every one?

How can you obey the command?

Ans. I can help send those who will preach about Christ and His salvation.

Is there nothing else you can do?

Ans. I can, by loving and obeying Jesus, try to make others do the same.

22. What then did our Saviour do?

What had He told them the Holy Spirit would do for them?

Ans. He would teach them of Jesus, and show them of the things to come. St. John xiv. 26; xvi. 13, 14.

What does the Holy Spirit now do for us?

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Ans. He helps us to believe in Jesus, and follow Him.

Can we go to Heaven unless we receive the Holy Spirit?

Ans. "Except a man be born of water, and of the *Spirit*, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." St. John iii. 5.

Will God give us His Holy Spirit?

Ans. Jesus says, "Ask, and it shall be given you." St. Luke xi. 9, 13.

What is said Jesus did at this time in St. Luke xxiv. 45?

Ans. "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures."

What part of the Bible is meant by "the Scriptures"?

Ans. The Old Testament.

What did St. Paul say of them to Timothy?

Ans. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Tim. iii. 16.

Then what ought we to do?

Ans. "Search the Scriptures." St. John v. 39.

23. What did Jesus say here?

Who only can forgive sins?

Ans. God, through His Son Jesus Christ.

Then what did Jesus mean?

Ans. That they were to declare the sins of those who repented, and believed on Him, forgiven. St. Luke xxiv. 47.

LESSON LXV.

Jesus appears to His Apostles a Second Time.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

St. John xx. 24–31.

24th Verse. WHICH one of the disciples was not present when Jesus appeared to them?

25. What did they tell Thomas?

Did he believe?

26. When were the disciples assembled together again?

What day of the week was it?

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Ans. The first day of the week. Compare ver. 19 with ver. 26.

Was Thomas there?

Who came among them?

What did Jesus say?

How can we have peace?

Ans. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isa. xxvi. 3.

27. What did Jesus say to Thomas?

Did our Lord know what Thomas had said?

Ans. Yes; for our Lord knows all things.

Does not Jesus wish all to be "not faithless but believing"?

Ans. He has said, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." St. John xiv. 1.

28. What did Thomas answer?

Is not Jesus Christ our Lord and our God?

Ans. Jesus has said, "I and my Father are one." St. John x. 30.

29. What did Jesus say to Thomas?

And what for our encouragement?

30. What is said in this verse?

How many books of the Bible contain the life of Christ?

Ans. The four Gospels; St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John.

31. Why are these things written of Jesus?

What "life" is here spoken of?

Ans. Everlasting life.

What does Jesus say of Himself?

Ans. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." St. John xiv. 6

How is Jesus "the way, and the truth, and the life?

Ans. Through Him is the only true way to eternal life.

Can you have any excuse if you do not believe in Jesus Christ?

How must you believe in Him?

Ans. I must trust in Jesus as *my own* and *only* Saviour.

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LESSON LXVI.

Christ appears at the Sea of Tiberias.

How many times had the disciples seen Jesus since His resurrection?
Which saw Him first?

St. John xxi. 1–14.

1st Verse. To whom did Jesus again show Himself?
Where were the disciples?
By what other name is the "Sea of Tiberias" called?
Ans. The Sea of Galilee. St. John vi. 1.
What had Jesus told the disciples before His death?
Ans. "After I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee." St. Matt. xxvi. 32.

2. Who were together?
What was Jesus' opinion of Nathanael?
Ans. "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." St. John i. 47.
Which of the disciples were the sons of Zebedee?
Ans. St. James and St. John. St. Matt. iv. 21.
What business did these men follow?
Ans. They were fishermen. St. Matt. iv. 18, 21.

3. What did Simon Peter say?
How did they answer him?
What did they do?
Did they have any success that night?

4. Who stood on the shore in the morning?
Did the disciples know Jesus?

5. What did He say to His disciples?
What did they answer?

6. What did Jesus bid them do?
Did they take any fish now?

7. What did John say to Peter?
Why did John think it was the Lord?

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Ans. They had toiled all night, and caught nothing; but now, at the *word* of Jesus, they caught a "multitude of fishes."

What did Peter do?

What did St. Peter's casting himself into the sea show?

Ans. His love for the Lord Jesus, and his eagerness to get to Him.

Ought not we to be as eager to go to Jesus?

Ans. Yes; for our going to Him is our only hope of salvation.

8. How did the other disciples come?

What distance were they from the land?

How much is a "cubit"?

Ans. About eighteen inches, or about half a yard.

How did they bring the fish?

Why did they not take them into the ship? Ver. 6.

9. What did they find on the shore?

10. What did Jesus say to the disciples?

11. What did Peter do?

How many fishes were there?

Was the net broken?

12. What did our Lord say to them?

Did the disciples know Jesus?

13. What did He do?

14. How many times now had Jesus shown Himself to His disciples?

To whom had Jesus shown Himself before He appeared to the Apostles?

Ans. Mary Magdalene, and two of His disciples on their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. St. Mark xvi. 9, 12; St. Luke xxiv. 13

How many saw Jesus at one time after this?

Ans. "After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once." 1 Cor. xv. 6.

Which of the disciples saw Jesus first after His resurrection?

Ans. Saint Peter. St. Luke xxiv. 34; 1 Cor. xv. 5.

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LESSON LXVII.

Christ's Conversation with Peter.

Where did we leave Christ and His disciples in the last lesson? St. John xxi. 1.

What miracle was performed? St. John xxi. 6.

What were Jesus and His disciples doing? St. John xxi. 12, 13.

St. John xxi. 15–25.

15th Verse. AFTER they had dined, what did Jesus ask Peter?

What did Jesus mean by "more than these"?

Ans. More than the other disciples. St. Matt. xxvi. 33.

Why did Jesus ask *Peter* this question, and none of the others?

Ans. Peter had denied Him after he had made great professions of love. St. Luke xxii. 33, 55–62.

What did Peter answer?

What did Jesus bid Peter do?

Who are meant by Jesus' "lambs"?

Ans. Children that love Him and keep His commandments.

How did He treat little children, and what did He say of them?

Ans. He took little children in His arms, and blessed them, saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." St. Mark x. 14, 16.

What is said in Eccl. xii. 1?

Ans. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

What particular promise have the young if they seek Jesus?

Ans. "Those that seek me *early shall* find me." Prov. viii. 17.

Then what ought you to do?

Ans. I should always be earnest in seeking Jesus my Saviour, with all my heart and soul and mind.

What does it mean to seek Jesus?

Ans. Really to want Him for my Saviour.

16. What did Jesus ask Peter again?

What did Peter reply?

What did Jesus tell him to do?

Whom did He mean by His "sheep"?

Ans. His people; all those who love Him.

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Did Christ ever call Himself a shepherd, and His people His sheep?

Ans. He said, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep." St. John x. 14.

What did Jesus say of His sheep, and what He would give them?

Ans. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." St. John x. 27, 28.

17. What did our Lord ask Peter a third time?

How did Peter feel?

How often had Peter denied the Lord?

Ans. Three times.

How did Peter answer Jesus?

Who only knows all things?

Ans. God.

What did Jesus again tell Peter to do?

How could Peter feed Christ's people?

Ans. By preaching and teaching the gospel.

18. What more did Jesus say to Peter?

19. What did our Lord mean by this?

What death did Peter suffer?

Ans. A most painful death on the cross, with His head downwards.

What did Jesus bid Peter do?

How may we follow Jesus?

Ans. By trying to be like Him.

20. Whom did Peter see following?

Who was this disciple?

Ans. John.

What had this disciple done at the last supper?

Where do we read an account of it?

Ans. In the Gospel of St. John thirteenth chapter, twenty-third verse to the twenty-fifth.

What did John show by his following Jesus?

Ans. His strong love for Him.

21. When Peter saw John following, what did he ask Jesus?

22. What did Jesus answer?

What did Jesus mean to teach Peter by this?

Ans. To repress all vain curiosity regarding others, and to attend to his own duties.

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23. What did many suppose Jesus meant?

Who were the "brethren"?

Ans. The disciples.

Had Jesus said that John should not die?

What had Jesus said?

Did John live to an advanced age?

Ans. He lived to a very great age.

24. What is said of this disciple?

What other books did John write?

Ans. Three Epistles and the Revelation.

What does John say is the commandment of God?

Ans. "This is His commandment, That we should *believe* on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and *love* one another, as He gave us commandment." 1 St. John iii. 23.

25. What is said in this verse?

How many books of the Bible relate the life of Jesus?

Ans. Four; St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John.

LESSON LXVIII.

The Ascension of Christ.

Acts i. 1–11.

1st Verse. To whom is the book of the Acts of the Apostles addressed?

What is the meaning of "Theophilus"?

Ans. Friend of God.

What "former treatise" is here spoken of?

Ans. The Gospel of St. Luke, which was also addressed to Theophilus. St. Luke i. 3.

Then who wrote this book?

Ans. St. Luke.

2. Until what time does the Gospel of St. Luke give a history of Christ?

What commands had Jesus given to His Apostles?

Ans. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." St. Matt. xxviii. 19.

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3. In what manner did Jesus show Himself?

What is meant by "His passion"?

Ans. His sufferings.

What is meant by "infallible proofs"?

Ans. Proofs not to be doubted; certain proofs.

Can you mention some of the infallible proofs? Read St. Luke xxiv. 30, 36–43.

How long was Jesus "seen of them"?

Of what did our Lord speak?

4. What did Jesus command His disciples?

For what were they to wait?

What was the promise of the Father?

Ans. To pour out His Spirit upon them. See ver. 5.

When had Jesus told them of this promise?

Ans. Just before He was crucified, He said to them, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth." St. John xiv. 16, 17.

5. What else did Jesus say?

What John was this, and where did He baptize?

Ans. John the Baptist, baptizing in the river Jordan. St. Matt. iii. 1, 5, 6.

When were the Apostles to be baptized with the Holy Ghost?

Ans. At Pentecost, ten days after the ascension.

6. What did the disciples ask?

Under what government were the Jews?

Ans. The Roman government.

Had the disciples expected that Christ would "restore again the kingdom of Israel"?

Ans. They had. St. Luke xxiv. 21.

What had Jesus said of His kingdom?

Ans. "My kingdom is not of this world." St. John xviii. 36.

7. What did Jesus answer?

8. What did He say the disciples would receive?

What sort of *power* did they receive?

Ans. To preach the gospel in all languages, and perform miracles. Acts ii. 4, 8–11; iii. 6.

How have the Apostles "witnessed unto the uttermost part of the earth"?

Ans By their writings.

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9. After the Lord had "spoken these things," what took place?

When does our Church commemorate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Ans. On the Ascension Day.

How many days after Easter?

Ans. Forty. Ver. 3.

On what day of the week was the Ascension?

Ans. On Thursday.

Where did the Lord Jesus go?

Ans. Into Heaven, at the "right hand of God." 1 St. Peter iii. 22.

What was He doing when He ascended?

Ans. "He lifted up His hands, and blessed them (His disciples). And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven." St. Luke xxiv. 50, 51.

Repeat the part of the Creed which speaks of this.

10. Did the disciples see Jesus ascend? Who stood by them?

Who were these men?

Ans. Angels.

11. What did they say?

Do we know when Christ will come again?

Ans. "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man." St. Mark xiii. 32.

Why will Jesus come?

Ans. To judge the world.

Repeat that part of the Creed which speaks of this.

Who will be before Jesus?

Ans. "Before Him shall be gathered all nations." St. Matt. xxv. 32.

Will every one see Him?

Ans. "Every eye shall see Him." Rev. i. 7.

Will all be glad to see Him?

Ans. No; some will call upon the mountains and the rocks, saying, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." Rev. vi. 16.

How can we be glad?

Ans. By going to Him *now*, and asking Him to forgive us our sins and save us; *believing* that He will.

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LESSON LXIX.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

Acts ii. 1–13.

1st Verse. WHAT day is here mentioned?

What was the day of *Pentecost?*

Ans. The feast of harvest, at which time the Jews offered the first fruits of the harvest to God in thanksgiving.

Where were the disciples?

Had not Jesus told His disciples to wait at Jerusalem?

Ans. Jesus "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem." Acts i. 4.

For what were they to wait?

Ans. Jesus "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father." Acts i. 4.

2, 3. What appeared to the disciples?

4. What were they filled with?

Was not this fulfilling Jesus' promise to them?

Ans. Yes; for Jesus had said unto them, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts i. 5.

When does our Church commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles?

Ans. Whit-Sunday.

What is the meaning of Whit-Sunday?

Ans. White Sunday.

Why so called?

Ans. Because the many baptized and confirmed on that day were clothed in white.

Is not the Holy Spirit our guide to the truth?

Ans. Jesus said, "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." St. John xvi. 13.

What does Jesus teach of the Holy Spirit?

Ans. "He shall glorify me; for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." St. John xvi. 14.

What are we told in Ephesians v. 18, 19?

Ans. "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. v. 18.

If we are filled with the Spirit, how shall we live?

Ans. "The fruit of the Spiri is love, joy, peace, long-suffering,

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gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v. 22, 23.

Will God give us His Spirit?

Ans. "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." St. Luke xi. 13.

How did the disciples speak?

5. Who were dwelling at Jerusalem?

What is here meant by "devout men"?

Ans. Men that worshipped God.

6. What took place when it was noised abroad?

Why were they confounded?

7, 8. What did they say to one another?

Why were the Apostles called "Galileans"?

Ans. Because they came from Galilee.

How did the Jews know they were Galileans?

Ans. Their speech was different from the Jews' generally. St. Mark xiv. 70.

How were they regarded by the Jews?

Ans. As wicked and ignorant, unfit for preaching. St. John i. 46; vii. 52.

9, 10, 11. What tongues did the Jews hear them speak?

What were probably the "wonderful works of God" they spoke of?

Ans. The events which had taken place a short time before concerning Jesus.

12. How were the people affected?

13. What did others say?

What did Peter do?

Ans. He arose and preached to them of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Verses 14–36.

How were the people affected who heard Peter? Ver. 37.

What did Peter say to them? Verses 38, 39.

Did the people believe? Ver. 41.

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